



Echoes from Our Lake

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WALKER LAKESHORES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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PROGRAM COMMITTEE EVENTS

FAMILY GAME NIGHTS:

Starting April 11th family game nights will be held the 2nd Tuesday of every month, April through July. Depending on attendance more dates may follow (5/9, 6/13, 7/11). Bring a game or cards to play and enjoy a fun family night out. You cannot attend if you have a past due balance on your account.

SIP & PAINT:

Saturday, April 15th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Come for a night of fun with this community-favorite event. We supply the canvas and snacks. You supply the beverage of your choice. Please RSVP by Saturday, April 8. \$20 for Members, \$25 for Non-Members. BYOB/Reservations required. RVSP early—this one fills up fast! To RSVP, please email or call the office (wlassociation@gmail.com or 570-296-7788).

You must pay in advance to ensure your seat is held. You cannot attend if you have a past due balance on your account.

New Member Welcome Event:

Saturday, April 22nd, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for good food and great company as the The Membership/Nomination/Election Committee hosts a wine and cheese welcome event. Due to COVID we have not had an opportunity to meet a lot of the new people who have moved in over the last three years. Please join us in welcoming our new members.

RSVP by April 15th. Due to insurance regulations please BYOB. Everything else will be provided.

You must be a member in good standing to attend this free members-only event. To RSVP, email or call the office (wlassociation@gmail.com or 570-296-7788)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Saturday, May 13th, 9:00 a.m. - noon

Come for an enjoyable morning of great food and spend some time with your neighbors. Our president, John Weber, will be flipping the pancakes in the kitchen. Please RSVP by May 6th so we know how much food to buy. To RSVP, please email or call the office (wlassociation@gmail.com or 570-296-7788). You cannot attend if you have a past due balance on your account.

\$10 for Members \$ 8 for Non-Members

MEET YOUR WLLA NEIGHBORS!



Herb and Wendy Orlansky have owned a home on Walker Lake for over 30 years. They've both served on our Board of Directors. Herb was a member of the Walker Lake Fire Dept. and Wendy is currently on our Lake Committee. When they're not boating or swimming in our lake they're biking along the Delaware River, hiking at Ten Mile River, or golfing in Milford or Port Jervis. Often you can find Herb fly fishing along the Lackawaxen River and skiing at Big Bear. They also love a friendly game of tennis or pickleball on our court. Their love of food means they've tried almost every restaurant within 30 miles, and love trying new places, like the Barryville Oasis and Proper To Go. If there's an event going on—from Opera in the Park in Milford to Harmony in the Woods in Hawley—you'll find them up for any of the wonderful experiences offered in our area.

SPONGY MOTH COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE

Several people in the community have come together to provide spongy (gypsy) moth spraying. See what they are going to do below. The office has no involvement in this so please use the contact information below if you have any questions or wish to sign up. As you probably know from last summer our area has an infestation of spongy moths. If you missed the Zoom call with the County expert, he said that this coming summer's spongy moth destruction could be even worse: even if reachable egg masses are killed there are possibly thousands of eggs at the tops of the trees that can't be seen. If re-infested, trees that recovered last year may not recover. Unlike during past infestations the County will NOT be funding a spongy moth program, and the WLLA Board has decided they cannot take responsibility for organizing treatment. However, we are fortunate to have found a certified spongy moth tree expert who is able to treat the trees at Walker Lake for those homeowners who are interested. The cost would range from approximately \$200-300 per homeowner (depending on your number of trees that are at risk). As mentioned on the Zoom call, it's a biological treatment that does not harm our lake, pets or other vegetation. It's not going to be aerial spraying. Trees would be treated only on your property.

I believe it's in everyone's best interest that we get as many homeowners as possible to treat their at-risk trees. If there's large-scale tree destruction around our lake, it'll be a sad situation and an eyesore that affects our property values. If you're interested in having your property treated contact Jackie Cozzolino at Jkcozz@gmail.com. She can answer your questions and get you signed up.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR SPRAYING IS MARCH 15TH!

—Submitted by Wendy Wishnie (Orlansky)

SPONGY MOTHS – LANDOWNERS SOLUTIONS

This is a compiled Google search about what to do about the spongy moths in our community. Our Board of Directors voted not to do aerial spraying as there was no cost-estimate provided. The board could not commit without knowing the cost and subsequent charge to each landowner. There has been a consensus that the fungus and virus that affects the spongy moth might have been effective last year in killing quite a bit of them. When populations are high the spongy moths compete with one another for

food. This stresses the spongy moths and makes them more susceptible to disease. After a year or two of heavy defoliation, the NPV disease, fungal disease and other natural enemies will generally control the population. Spongy moth populations usually remain at low levels for five to ten years (sometimes longer) until a new cycle begins again. Some of their favorites trees include oak, birch, cedar, and fruit trees. You may see the tiny ¼-inch to ½-inch-long caterpillars hatch in early to mid-May; by June they're one to two or more inches long, hairy, with two rows of little bumps down their backs. The first third of the dots are blue, the second 2/3 are red dots. Most healthy trees can take one to three years of total defoliation, but if an outbreak continues beyond that trees could die. Saplings or new transplants, or trees stressed from drought, may be more vulnerable because they do not have the reserve energy stores or established root systems. If you catch them in their baby caterpillar stage, when they first hatch in May, you can try spraying with a naturally-occurring biological pesticide called [Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki, or Btk](#). Btk is a biological pesticide, and a more targeted approach to control than broad spectrum, chemically active pesticides (Sevin, for example). While Btk is a relatively safe, targeted choice, unfortunately it is also harmful to caterpillars of moths and butterflies that feed on the sprayed tree. Once the caterpillars are full-sized this treatment is less effective. Other chemicals aren't recommended because they kill beneficial insects, too. If you decide to use a spray please read the safety data sheet carefully. If you have a huge problem or expensive tree you're worried about, an arborist may be able to help with control. For the larva stage of caterpillars you can create a sticky trap by wrapping trees with two rings of sticky tape. For adult caterpillars you can create barrier bands on your trees by [wrapping your affected tree trunks with folded-over burlap](#); the older caterpillars will look for a place to hide during the day so you can remove and destroy them by scraping them into a bucket of soapy water. For large numbers of caterpillars (say, on your deck or side of your house) knock them down with a hose, sweep them up and drown them in a bucket of soapy water—or just squish them (effective, but messy).

[Wrapping tree with duct tape](#) [Wrapping trees with burlap](#)

—Submitted by Kathy Zimmermann

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK:

Recently three Walker Lake teens completed some community service work by picking up trash along WLLA roadways. We should all be grateful to them for stepping up and taking care of this problem. Please contact the office if your teen needs community service and would like to pick up trash along the roadways. Why people feel the need to throw garbage out of their vehicles when they're on their way home is mystifying. We could all take a lesson in community involvement from these three!

We are still looking for adults to step up and run for our board of directors. If you think you have what it takes to be a director, a leader in our community, please come to a board meeting and see what it is about. Talk to some of the board members and decide if you can make a difference in our community. The board meetings are on the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. It would be wonderful if we had an actual race this year with more candidates than positions to fill.

Please do not dump your trash on our roadways and pick up after your pets when they dump next to our roads. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into drainage ditches, and eventually into our lake.

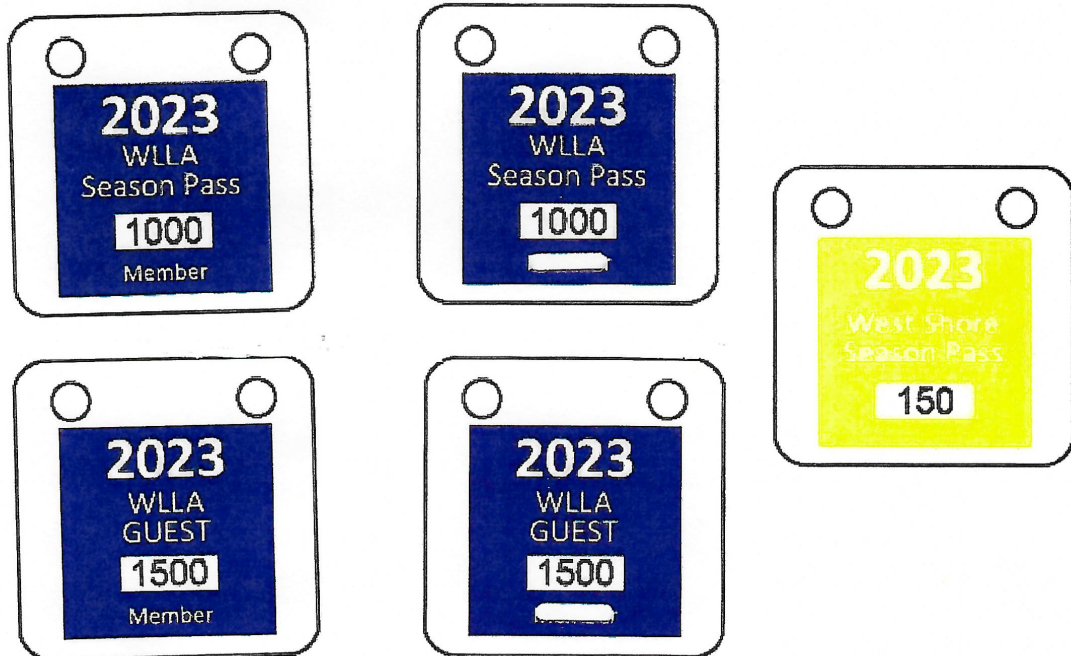


BEACH TAGS

Beach tags should be in the mail for everyone who pre-ordered their tags shortly. Your beach/car/boat tags can be mailed to you or picked up in the office once your 2023 assessments are received. We are reusing the blue car/boat/dock tags and will have 2023 stickers to update them. As you all know, we do hire security and a big part of their job is to check all the tags to ensure that all who are using our amenities are landowners or members in good standing. Please be patient with the security guards as they are just doing their jobs ensuring everyone pays their fair share. The office is closed on holiday weekends so please do not wait to pick up your tags until then or you will be disappointed.

New this year we will not be using the green membership tags, instead we have member printed right on your beach tag so that you will only need one personal tag to access all amenities. If you choose to opt out of membership the tag will have a small oblong punch taking out the word member so that we know you will not be able to access the tennis court.

Tags will either be in Navy blue or Yellow for the pro rata share. Please see samples below.



WLLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION:

Walker Lakeshores Landowners Association (WLLA) will hold an election at its Annual General Membership Meeting on Saturday, **July 15, 2023**, in compliance with its Red Book Rules and Regulations. This year the election will be to fill eight (8) At-Large Director positions and two (2) Officer positions, those two being President (2-year term) and Vice President (2-year term). A nominee **MUST** be committed to serving a three-year term; be in good standing; be prepared to attend a minimum of nine (9) Board of Director meetings during the year; and serve on at least one (1) committee. There is also one two-year term open to complete the term of a board member who resigned. Most importantly, all Directors and Officers have a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of the WLLA community. Any member of the WLLA community in good standing is eligible to submit a Consideration for Nomination Letter to include a short biography describing life experience, acquired skills and what can be offered for the betterment of the community. This information will assist voters in determining their best choices for the open positions. The letters and biographies can be emailed, dropped off or mailed to the WLLA office no later than May 22, 2023. Each submitted biography will be posted in the clubhouse and on the WLLA website and included in the June newsletter along with the slate of candidates. Nominations from the floor from members in good standing will be heard at the May 20 General Membership Meeting. If in attendance, the nominees from the floor should verbally confirm acceptance of the nomination. It would be helpful, as well as beneficial to all nominees, for those individuals to come prepared to speak briefly about themselves. If someone is nominated by another member, but unable to attend the meeting, she/he needs to confirm their interest in running by sending a Consideration for Nomination Letter to the WLLA office no later than the May 22, 2023 deadline. If that nominee would like a short biography to be posted on the website and newsletter, she/he should include it with their letter. The Nomination Committee encourages all members of WLLA in good standing to consider running for a Board of Director position so we can give the membership a choice of candidates and provide a wider range of people who are both involved and represented. The WLLA community is truly fortunate to have a selection of diverse members with many talents and skills. These folks can greatly contribute to the important decisions currently being made by becoming directors. As important, they will affect our future as we move forward in making our community what we want and need it to be. —The Membership/Nominations/Elections Committee: John Weber - Chair, Michael DeVita, Maryann Muschlitz, Linda Tremain and Kathleen Zimmermann

Election Timeline

- Monday, April 17, 2023 – Letters of Consideration for Nomination accepted from any WLLA member in good standing.
- Saturday, May 20, 2023 (General Membership Meeting) – Nominating Committee presents candidates who submitted Letters of Consideration for Nomination. Nominations from the floor are heard and recorded.
- Monday, May 22, 2023 – Deadline for submitting hand-delivered and/or postmarked Letters of Consideration for Nomination and biographies.
- Thursday, June 1, 2023 – Absentee ballots will be available in the WLLA office Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and must be signed for. Or if you wish to request an absentee ballot via email, please send an email to the office, wllassociation@gmail.com. The ballot will be sent to your address in our quick books database. Please note: 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.
- Saturday, July 8, 2023 – Deadline for sealed absentee ballots to be postmarked or received at the WLLA office by 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 15, 2023 (Annual/General Membership Meeting/Election Day) – Polls open at the Clubhouse from 8:00 to 9 a.m. for voting. Annual/General Membership Meeting at 9:00 a.m. followed by the July Board of Directors Meeting with announcements of election winners.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS:

A copy of all permits received from Shohola Township must be given to the office prior to construction. Please refer to our red handbook, page 17, for more information.



—Photo: Scott Rando



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