

Echoes from Our Lake

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Have you ever cracked open a fortune cookie, pulled out that little slip of white paper, read it and thought “*what*”? Well, I recently pulled out that little white piece of paper and thought “*hmm...*” It read, “*People may doubt what you say but they will always believe what you do.*” It’s not that I doubt the wisdom of a crisp, sugary cookie, but I googled the saying anyway and found it is credited to an American military officer and politician, Lewis Cass. As a politician, he probably used those words as he campaigned — meaning his actions will count for more than just talk.

Actions do speak louder than words. Considering the numerous tangible accomplishments over the past several months, we can clearly see the truth of that saying on display within our community. And the credit lies solely with our current Board of Directors, committee chairs and members, employees and dedicated volunteers. These individuals are just a fraction – yet ever so integral a part – of the hundreds of individual lives who jointly constitute our Association.

They are the community “doers” who share their ideas, give their time, and use their energy in so many different ways for positive outcomes for all members’ benefit. They can be found at the clubhouse, the beaches, on the lake, at meetings or in the office doing whatever is needed.

Naturally, because of employment, families and just plain life issues, not everyone has the time to devote to the community. So, be generous with a thank you to those who are serving us now, and keep in mind when you see them that...“*we couldn’t have done it without them.*” I do.

– Janice Hahn



# WLLA Election Timeline



## SATURDAY, JULY 14

- **DEADLINE** for sealed Absentee Ballots to be either postmarked and/or received by the WLLA office by 2 pm. Call or stop by the office to obtain an Absentee Ballot.

## SATURDAY, JULY 21

### **Annual/General Membership Meeting/Election Day**

- **7:30 a.m.** - Baked goods arrive for Traditional Pennsylvania Election Day Bake Sale. (Please sign up at the WLLA Office if you plan to bring a baked item).
- Polls open from **8 a.m.** until **10 a.m.** for voting.
- **10 a.m.** - **Board of Directors' Meeting** while the Sealed Ballot Box is opened, ballots verified and counted.
- **Annual/General Membership Meeting** follows with announcement of election winners.
- **3:00 p.m.** - **Pot Luck Dinner** sponsored by the Nominations Committee to congratulate and welcome newly elected Officers and Directors. (Please sign up at the WLLA Office indicating what you will be bringing and how many household members will attend.)

—The WLLA Nominating Committee,  
Margaret Lisciandrello and Vicky Perrotta, Co-chairs



Even though the 2018 WLLA Candidates are running unopposed your vote counts. For At-Large Directors the five highest voter getters will serve 3-year terms, the next five a 2-year term and the last two a 1-year.

Walker Lakeshores Landowners Association  
2018 ELECTION BALLOT

**OFFICERS**

**President (Select Only One)  
For a 1 Year Term**

Janice Hahn

**Vice-President (Select Only One)  
For a 1 Year Term**

Carol Reynolds

**Secretary (Select Only One)  
For a 2 Year Term**

Rose Murphy

**Treasurer (Select Only One)  
For a 2 Year Term**

Carol Gillen

**DIRECTORS (AT-LARGE)**

Select up to Twelve (12) Only

Mario Aieta

Michael DeVita

Carol Gillen

Bill McCarthy

Will Murchio

Rose Murphy

Maryann Muschlitz

Paul Palladino

Vicky Perrotta

Carol Reynolds

Linda Verge

John Weber

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BALLOT

**NOTICE**

See Voting Instructions on Back of Ballot

**ABSENTEE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

**ONLY ONE VOTE PER HOUSEHOLD**

**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

- 1) **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS BALLOT**
- 2) **DO NOT WRITE ANY COMMENTS OR PUT ANY STRAY MARKS ON BALLOT**

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

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

5) Place your completed ballot in Secret Ballot Envelope – (**Do Not** write on this envelope)

6) Place the Secret Ballot Envelope in the Return Envelope

7) Print Name under the # on Return Envelope

8) Either mail (add stamp) or return to WLLA Office no later than July 14, 2018

**Deadline for sealed absentee ballots must be postmarked and/or received at the WLLA office by no later than July 14, 2018**

WLLA office is open Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am– 2 pm

Upon receiving your envelope, the outer envelope will be verified that it has come from the correct family.

Once verified the secret ballot envelope will be removed from the outer envelope and dropped into the locked and secured ballot box.

The secret ballot envelope will not be opened until the votes are counted on July 21, 2018.

**MEETING VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

**ONLY ONE VOTE PER HOUSEHOLD**

**Note:** If you previously requested an absentee ballot you may not vote again at the July 21, 2018 Meeting in accordance with the WLLA Constitution, Appendix II, Article VIII, Part 9

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5) Place completed ballot in ballot box at July 21, 2018 General Membership Meeting by 10 a.m.

6) Completed ballot must be entered into the ballot box prior to the start of the count of ballots to be valid.



# Beach and Grounds Are Ready!

By Bill Boehme

Summer is finally here! The winter weather took its toll on all of us and our surroundings, and the Walker Lake beaches were no exception. It has taken a lot of hard work by many volunteers to get the beaches and boat launch area ready for your summer activities.

A quick rundown:

## Clubhouse Beach

The swim area buoys and raft are in place. It was quite a challenge recovering the sunken anchor chain but our large magnet grabbed onto an old anchor line that we were able to use. There is still a newer one out there. We'll see if we can find it during the summer. A picnic table is now on the beach for your use. Some of the tall reeds growing on the shoreline have been cut down. This should make getting in and out of the water easier for all. The Association is looking into having the retaining wall fixed and the large dead trees have been removed.

## Sandy Beach

Sandy Beach is closed for swimming and the raft is removed. Sandy Beach is open for fishing and boat launching for members.

## Swezy Beach (soon to be renamed)

Thanks to all who came out to help clean up Swezy Beach. This beach is open to all members. If you haven't been there, it is a great spot on the lake. The wide, gradual access into the lake makes it a great spot for younger children. The swim area buoys are up and the raft is in place. The Association is looking into adding additional sand at the swimming area.

In line with the latest improvements and our insurance requirements, here are a few new rules:

- Fishing and boat launching is allowed at Sandy Beach and the boat launch area by the dam. No fishing is allowed at Clubhouse or Swezy Beach.
- No boats or kayaks are allowed in the swimming area at Clubhouse Beach or Swezy Beach. This includes docking them at the floating rafts.
- No dogs are allowed at Clubhouse Beach or Swezy Beach but dogs are permitted at Sandy Beach and in the boat launch area. As a reminder owners please always pickup after your pets.
- No fires allowed on any WLLA property.
- The beaches close at dusk.
- Life preserver rings at both Clubhouse and Swezy Beach are for **emergency use only**.

As a reminder: We are trying to recoup our fish population. From the fish surveys, we are told we should be doing catch and release for bass and pickerel this year so they get bigger. Sunfish should be harvested as they are over-populated. Please don't blow grass or leaves from lakefront properties into the lake. They diminish lake water quality and harm fish life.

Our lake recreation areas are our biggest asset in WLLA. Please keep them clean and an enjoyable resource for all members. Enjoy the summer!

## IMPORTANT BEACH AND LAKE NOTICES

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Lakeside Areas Have Been Designated as Follows:

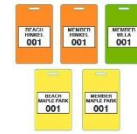
**Clubhouse Beach** - Swimming Only

**Dam Boat Launch Area** - Fishing and Boating Only

**Sandy Beach** - Fishing and Boating Only

**Swezy Beach** - Swimming and Boating Only

### IMPORTANT



**TAGS WILL BE  
STRICTLY ENFORCED**

**Pick up your tags and  
day passes for guests  
from the WLLA office**

### ATTENTION BOAT and KAYAK OWNERS

If you store your boat or kayak at one of the approved beaches or at the boat launch please store it in the designated area for water craft. We encourage you to use the racks if your boat will fit into one of the slips.

## FIREWORKS!



**You Must Follow the New Pennsylvania Law**

**Act 43 of 2017**

**Use of Consumer Fireworks**

(a) **Conditions:** A person who is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements of his article may purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks.

(b) **Prohibitions**

A person may **NOT** intentionally ignite or discharge:

**(1) Consumer fireworks on public or private property without the express permission of the owner.**

(2) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.

(3) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.

(4) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.

**(5) Consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure. \***



## WLLA Community and Fireworks

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

We realize that around the Fourth of July is a festive time of the year and some residents traditionally include fireworks in their personal celebration.

The PA Legislature passed a law called Act 43 of 2017 which now allows PA residents to purchase and use consumer grade fireworks. Professional grade fireworks still require the user to obtain a permit for use.

WLLA will allow consumer grade fireworks provided the users are following the state law listed on page 5 including these two important prohibitions.

**No fireworks should be ignited or discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure even if no one is in that structure at the time. \* The Law States This!**

**No fireworks of any kind are permitted on WLLA property that includes the beaches, dam area, boat launches, parking lot, tennis courts or any lots owned by WLLA.**



### Twin and Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy

All WLLA members are invited to the Twin & Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy (TWCWC) board meetings to be held on Friday, August 17 at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, October 6 at 9 a.m. in our Clubhouse.

The Conservancy monitors Walker Lake and Twin Lakes for water quality. A brochure in the WLLA office has more information about this non-profit organization. You can also go to [TWCWC.com](http://TWCWC.com) or contact [president@twcwc.com](mailto:president@twcwc.com) for more info.

### TWCSC PHOTO CONTEST

The Conservancy Board will be sponsoring a photo contest with the judging taking place at the Board's annual meeting on Saturday, October 6th. Photos should be of natural scenes of Pike County taken between October 2017 and October 2018. For more information visit <http://www.twcwc.com>



# Boating on Walker Lake

By Wendy Wishnie-Orlansky



## Safely Enjoying Boats and Motorboats on our Lake

Warm weather is finally here, and it's time to get out the kayaks, sailboats and other vessels to take out on our lake. Here are some tips so that everyone can enjoy our lake to the fullest:

- **Make sure all your boats have WLLA 2018 stickers.** This identifies you as someone allowed to boat on our lake. All boats, paddleboards, even floating docks require stickers. Stop by the Clubhouse to get your 2018 stickers.
- **If you use your boat on another body of water, please clean it before putting it into Walker Lake.** According to the PA Fish and Boat Commission:

*Check your equipment before leaving any body of water. Inspect every inch of your boat, trailer and fishing gear. Remove and leave behind plants, mud and aquatic life. This helps to avoid bringing Aquatic Invasive Species into [Walker Lake], which can damage equipment and compete with our native species.*

Learn more at

<http://www.fishandboat.com/resource/aquaticinvasivespecies/pages/cleanyourgear.aspx>

**GASOLINE POWERED MOTORS MAY NOT EXCEED 5.5 HORSEPOWER, and must have an underwater exhaust and operate in a non-polluting condition.** Please also be

mindful of your wake which affects swimmers and other boaters, and can cause erosion of our lakefront.



For full details on all the Walker Lake Boating Regulations, please get a copy of our Rules and Regulations Red Handbook, available at the Clubhouse. Or download the Red Handbook at [walkerlake.com](http://walkerlake.com)

If everyone follows our Rules and Regulations, we can all have another great season on Walker Lake. Thank you for your cooperation!

# BAD NEWS BEARS...NOT NECESSARILY

By Michael DeVita

Recently, we have had several reports of bears becoming a nuisance around our community. We must remember that we have invaded their habitat so we should be careful to help them not be a nuisance.

Bears love to eat and like many of us love a free meal. Many of our table scraps are a gourmet meal to a black bear. They can smell food from three miles away and have a good enough memory to come back and check for more food later. So, if they have been in your garbage once, they will be back unless you take some steps to keep them away.



1. If at all possible, store your trash cans in your garage or shed and don't put your garbage out until the morning of pickup and put them away as soon as possible

2. If you don't have inside storage, try to use bungee cords. Most of us have trash cans provided by the garbage company. These are not bear-proof, but if you add a couple of strong bungee cords crisscrossed it will help keep the bear from opening the can. Hook the cords using the metal bar on one side of the can and the handle on the other.



3. Help eliminate odors by sealing discarded table scraps in plastic bags or disposable air-tight containers. Spray your garbage with ammonia or throw a rag soaked in ammonia in your garbage can. Bears will stay away.

4. Never leave food out for wildlife. It interferes with the food chain and makes animals vulnerable and possibly dangerous because they lose their fear of humans.

When we take the proper action we can help bears not become a nuisance. If any bears actually become a real nuisance (not just going in your garbage), contact the PA Game Commission.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone that donated plants and time to make the front of the Clubhouse look so beautiful!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, July 21:**

**10 a.m.** – Annual General Membership Meeting – Election Day (Clubhouse) Voting is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Meeting to follow.



**3 p.m. – Pot Luck Supper** sponsored by the Nominating Committee to congratulate and welcome our newly elected Officers and Directors in the Clubhouse. Soft drinks and soda provided but BYOB. Please sign up at the WLLA office, indicating what food you will bring and how many household members will attend or contact the office for more information.

**Tuesday, July 3: Movie Night 7 p.m.** – Movie and Snacks in the Clubhouse. Showing the movie Ratatouille and snacks sponsored by the Program Committee.

**Saturday, July 14: Beach games 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** – Clubhouse Beach

**Saturday, July 28: Tag Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Clubhouse and lower parking lot. Please call either Linda at 862-432-7169 or Maryann at 484-695-2817 for table rental information.

**Saturday, September 1: Vendor Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Contact Linda or Maryann for table info

**To Be Announced:** Watch the website or Facebook for information regarding a tentative wine and cheese tasting night in August.

**Come Join us for  
Lots of FUN !!!**

**WLLA WOMEN'S CLUB**

**PENNY SOCIAL**

August 4, 2018  
Doors Open at 2 pm  
Calling Starts at 3pm

Gift Certificates, Door Prizes and 50/50  
Light refreshments will be served

**Gently used donations are being accepted  
No furniture, shoes or clothing please**

Drop off days and times:  
Wednesdays from 10 am - 3 pm in the Clubhouse  
Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm in the office

**Forming a Ping Pong Club**



**Interested?**  
Call the office  
570-296-7788

**New Activities for WLLA...**



**Do You Have Ideas?**  
**Let us know what you are thinking**

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