



Woodland Pond Lakefront Association Newsletter

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Next WPLA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the WPLA Board of Directors will be on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Woodland Pond Swim and Racquet Club.

Updates on Dam Remediation, the Fishing Derby and other Woodland Pond Lake initiatives will be discussed. All members are invited to attend.

Additional Board meeting dates scheduled for 2019 will be: July 15, September 16 and November 11. Meetings are held at the Swim & Racquet Club at 6:30 pm.



A Note from the WPLA President

Dear Neighbor:

The WPLA Board continues to make progress on many challenging issues as presented in the January 2019 Annual Meeting and the special member meeting in March. We are gratified by the hard work and dedication of our Board Members who have contributed countless hours on behalf of their lakefront neighbors. We are also grateful for the members who have stepped up to volunteer on committees or special projects.

As the saying goes, "*It takes a village*" and the involvement and support of our membership will be increasingly important as we tackle these complex matters. I ask, once again, to volunteer whatever time and talent you can. Most of the help needed is administrative, such as researching regulations, reviewing documents, communicating with members and neighbors, project planning and management, and more. There will be some opportunities for hands-on field work throughout the year. Feel free to contact any Board member (see the list of names and contact information at the bottom of this newsletter) to express your interest.

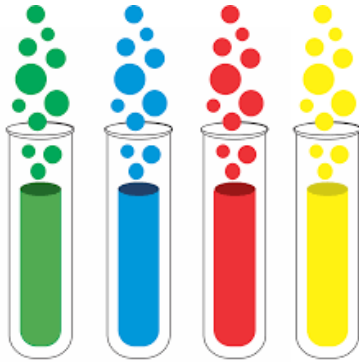
There is so much information to communicate...dam remediation, silt management, water quality, meeting minutes... and more. The Board is committed to transparency with the information we have and are holding no 'secrets'. Therefore, we urge you to check our website frequently (see the link below) for important information and updates. If you don't see something there that you want to know or think should be posted, please contact [Jane Abbate](#) and she will provide you an email or paper copy. Important decisions will be made in the months and years ahead and we want all members to be well-informed. Thank you for your support!

Owen Waltman

Dam Remediation and Silt

Craig Lester, WPLA Board President, provided an extensive update regarding Dam Remediation efforts at the March 25 Board Meeting. A copy of his report can be located on the WPLA Website under the title: [Dam Alteration Project Communications](#) among other important documents located on that web page.

Caution! Water Quality Test Results



Joe Lewis, Chair of the Conservation Committee, reported on the latest quarterly water sample testing for E. coli (click [HERE](#) to download results & site map).

Unfortunately coves G & H continue to be higher than safe limits for swimming but within the safe limits for recreational use for a single sample. These are the two coves closest to the clubhouse/boat ramp (see Excel spreadsheet, line 10 yellow highlights & site map).

Although cove F was a bit high as well, this is a first higher reading for this cove, and no follow up is intended until next

quarter.

In an effort to determine the source for the high E. coli readings in coves G & H, Joe has recommended that we retest the week of April 1 both of these areas along with the tributaries that feed into these coves, to determine if the high ground water upstream (from excessive rainfall this past year) may be feeding these high E. coli readings presumably from potential septic failures. If the source is found to be upstream, then the next step will be to determine the location of upstream septic tanks/fields and seek homeowner cooperation in determining which, if any, are contributing to the problem.

If the feed water collection sites are clean, then we will focus our efforts to identify potential lakefront property owner defective septic fields. The assumption is that the high readings are more probable to be coming from defective septic fields than the increased geese population often found in these areas. However, we are not ruling out the geese as the causative agent.

We will continue to monitor these results closely as we are rapidly approaching warmer weather months and inform residents if we have any swimming or recreational safety issues.

Fishing Derby May 4

WHEN IS IT?

Fishing Tournament: 07:00 am - 12:00 noon
Free Angler's Breakfast: 6:30 am
Picnic and Weigh-in: 12:00 noon until we are done!

WHERE IS IT?

Fishing Tournament: On Woodland Pond
Picnic and Weigh-in: The Boat Launch

WHAT TO BRING?

Fishing Tournament: Your own fishing gear and bait
Picnic: Each family is asked to bring a dish to serve eight (salads, chips, baked beans, dessert etc.).
The WPLA Association will provide the main course and drinks.

Keep an eye out in your mailbox for the flyer & registration materials!

If you have questions, email [Jennifer Harless](#).

Are you likely to attend the WPLA Fishing Derby on May 4?

Yes

Select

No

Select

Canada Goose Management Survey

A survey of A members was conducted this Winter to gain member feedback about the Canada goose population. Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the survey results.

Of the 41 households responding, it was gratifying to note that 46% of members noted a decrease in the goose population overall and 28% noticed geese on their property either day or weekly (compared to 48% in 2018).



At the same time, 68% of A members consider goose feces to pose a health threat and 71% of members think the geese population needs to be reduced.

As a result, and in keeping with the current Canada Goose Management Policy adopted by the Board last April 8, the Board authorized application to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for nest and egg treatment. Only authorized WPLA members are permitted to treat the nests and eggs on WPLA property. If you have any questions, or, you are an individual member homeowner and would like Canada geese nests and eggs treated on your private property, please contact Laurie Hucker at laurette.hucker@gmail.com.

Remember Your Boat Decals!

Please ensure that the current, WHITE, 2019 Woodland Pond decals are affixed to all watercraft. Each watercraft requires two decals which are to be placed near the front of the watercraft - one on each side. Without decals you are in violation of the WPLA Rules and Regulations. If you have further questions or need decals please contact [Eileen Sundstrom](#).



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