

Wandawega Country Club, Inc.

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Spring 2008 Newsletter



Wandawega Country Club Members

As a property owner in the Wandawega Country Club subdivision, you are automatically a member of this association. Listed are the current board of directors and their phone numbers:

President Bill Bastian (847)692-1982

Vice President John Szady (262)742-3145

**Treasurer Joyce Hayward (262)742-5249*

Secretary Nancy Haak (262)248-2702

Judy Paul (262)742-2731

Jim Parchem (262)742-3425

Jena Ehlen (262)742-2097

**Peter Pappa (262)742-4678*

**Brenda Williams (262)742-4434*

Feel free to call, write, or email us with your association concerns. Our email address is:

wcc@lakewandawega.com

The 3 board members with a * next to their name indicate that position is expiring. If you, or any member you know, is interested in a board position, PLEASE contact a board member soon. Board positions will be discussed at the Saturday, May 10th 11:00 meeting. Please plan on attending.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

✓ **WCC 2008 General Membership meetings** dates are listed below. All meetings will be held at the WCC Clubhouse at 11:00AM. The Board meets at 9:30 AM. Please come!

Saturday, May 10th Saturday, June 14th

Saturday, July 12th Saturday, Aug. 9th

Saturday, Sept. 13th

Activities and Happenings!



□ Clubhouse Opening will be held on **Saturday, April 19th**, 9:00 AM to Noon, at the WCC Clubhouse. We'll

be sprucing the place up getting it ready for the season and volunteers are welcome to stop by and lend a hand. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers!!

□ Assessment Review meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 10th**, 10:00 AM, at the WCC

Clubhouse. Members will have the opportunity to address assessment questions and concerns to the Board and Assessment Subcommittee.

□ WCC General Membership meeting on **Saturday, May 10th, 11:00 AM to Noon** – Nominations and elections will be held for three board positions (treasurer & two directors), 2008 Budget will be reviewed and voted on by the membership, 2008 activities will be discussed along with any other new business brought before the membership.

□ Pier Installation will be taking place on **Sunday, May 17th** at 11:00 AM starting at the West Beach. Many of you use the swimming areas and it would be a big help if you could volunteer a bit of your time to help out with putting the piers in.

□ Women of Wandawega Plant Sale. Will be held on **Saturday, May 31st 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, at the WCC Clubhouse – Many varieties of native perennial plants will be available for purchase at very reasonable prices. If you would like to pitch in and volunteer to help, or have plants to donate, contact Judy Paul at (262) 742-2731.

□ Lake Wandawega Improvement Association will be hosting a mini-workshop on Aquatic Plants on **Saturday, June 7th, 10:00 AM to Noon** at the public boat launch on Wandawega. The workshop will cover the many different Wandawega plants and their ecological characteristics. If time permits, interested parties can row out and aquatic plants will be identified so you know what they look like in the lake. A question and answer session will be included. Lunch will be provided!



Clubhouse Painting

The Wandawega Country Club Board has decided to spruce up the clubhouse this summer by painting. If adult property owners would be interested in helping with the painting process,

WCC will pay \$10.00 per hour. For further information about the painting schedule, please contact Pete Pappa at 742-4678.

Return of the Pig Roast



Be sure to mark your calendars for the return of the Wandawega Country Club Pig Roast on Saturday, July 19, 2008, at the Wandawega Club House on Hwy12/67. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00 pm followed by music, dancing, and raffles until midnight. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to support the renovation of the Wandawega Country Club beaches. Tickets will be available in June. For further information call 262-742-5249.

Jobs for Hire

There are always seems to be jobs and duties that the association is looking for help with. The following listed jobs are available now or in the near future. If you are interested, please contact a board member. Payment is adjustable according to the job and the amount of time put in.

- Beach clean up during the summer season
- Weed harvesting clean up (raking in of weeds)
- Clubhouse painting
- Clubhouse general cleaning
- Clubhouse grounds work

Lake Wanda ... What?

By: Peter Pappa

The great English poet and playwright William Shakespeare offered this famous line from Romeo and Juliet: "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." And indeed, what matters is what something is, not what it is called. Certainly this applies to our beloved Lake Wandawega. But one can't help wonder where the moniker "Wandawega" came from.

The earliest Walworth County abstracts from the mid-1800's to the early 1900's refer to our lake as "Otter Lake," probably due to the wildlife that inhabited its waters and shore. It remained Otter Lake from its discovery through the early 1920's. According to county records, in the early 1920's, the lake became known as "Russell Lake," apparently a tribute to the Russell family who owned property on our shore and served as associate supervisors for Sugar Creek. Russell Lake it remained until the property was

bought in 1925 by a developer from Chicago. Deciding that an exotic, Indian name would sell lots quicker than the rather bland "Russell Lake," the developer settled on "Wandawega," which is said to mean "beautiful girl with golden hair hanging down her back." Interestingly enough, the developer fails to mention from which Indian language this translation comes. However, beautiful blonde women and an exotic Indian name certainly make our location seem intriguing. There are, of course, some hazards in choosing such an unusual name.

The Elkhorn Independent of April 9, 1925, refers to the development of lots on the former Russell Lake, as "Lake Winegaga." (Oops!) To complicate matters more, the follow-up story, which ran April 16, 1925, referred to the lake as "Lake Winawego." (Yikes!) Imagine how totally confused readers were when they picked up the April 30, 1925, edition of the paper to see Russell Lake now referred to as "Lake Wanawego!" (Unbelievable, but true!) I'm not sure whether to attribute these mistakes to slipshod reporting or the hazard one accepts in choosing such a strange name.

So it goes. Whether it's Otter, Russell, Winegaga, or Wandawega, our lake is a great place to take a quick dip after a long, hot summer day, a great place to drop a fishing line in search of "the one that got away," or a great place to motor, paddle, or drift on a lazy Sunday afternoon in the sunshine. I guess Shakespeare was right after all.



Don't Want To Burn That Yard Waste?

Yard waste from residents (property owners) in the Town of Sugar Creek and Town of LaGrange can be brought to the Town of LaGrange compost site. Commercial landscape services and residents from other areas are charged for its use and can be fined. The compost site is located on Sherwood Forest Road and open from April through October only on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Where is Sherwood Forest Road ... take Hwy 12 west towards Whitewater, you turn right on Sherwood Forest Road (at top of 3 lane hill). Be careful and go slow as Sherwood is a low maintenance road. The compost site is at the back of the road. Questions? Call the Town of LaGrange at 495-8200 or email info@lagrangetalkofthetown.com.

The WCC clubhouse can be rented by property owners (whose maintenance assessments are current) for only \$50 and nonmember cost is \$200. Rental dates for the 2008 season, starting in May, are now available. Call Judy Paul at (262) 742-2731.

Please join us at LWIA's annual meeting on **Saturday, May 24th, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**, at the WCC Clubhouse to find out more about the organization. Members and non-members are welcome to attend the meeting and we encourage you to talk to your neighbors and urge them to attend as well. Together we can make a difference and work to protect and enhance Lake Wandawega.

Bill Bastian, President, LWIA

If you would like additional information on Lake Wandawega Improvement Association, email LWIA@lakewandawega.com, call Bill Bastian at (847) 692-1982 or Judy Paul at (262) 742-2731.



Have You Heard about LWIA?

In 2004, concerned residents from around Lake Wandawega cared enough to form an organization whose mission was to protect and preserve Lake Wandawega and its surroundings ... that organization is known as Lake Wandawega Improvement Association, Inc. (LWIA). I am taking this opportunity to invite you to attend our May meeting and become a member while you're there.

LWIA is working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), state & local governments, like-minded organizations, and our membership to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Lake Wandawega. Just as important, LWIA joins the entire Lake Wandawega community together with a common goal and purpose ... working together for the one lake we have in common.

LWIA is the only grant eligible organization representing the Lake Wandawega Community. We **are not** directly affiliated with any of the property owner associations on Lake Wandawega, nor do we receive any funding from them. Funding for lake studies and projects are made possible through grants and LWIA membership dues and contributions. We are an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) organization and your dues and contributions are tax deductible!

Membership dues are only \$20.00 annually and each household may have up to two paid memberships. You might be asking yourself, 'What can my \$20.00 do for the lake?' Most lake studies and projects are costly and available grants typically cover only 50% to 75% of the necessary funds. The balance of the funding must come from our membership dues, contributions, and fundraising efforts which is where your \$20.00 can represent \$80.00 towards lake projects and studies.