WATTS BAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBER MEETING WATTS BAR DAM PAVILION

Watts Bar Lake Association will hold its Annual Picnic and Member Meeting on August 29th at the Watts Bar Dam Pavilion. As usual, the catered dinner will be free to all paid memberships and immediate family and one prospective member. Food will be provided by Evelyn's Catering. The Association's annual business meeting will follow the dinner. Elections for expiring director positions will be held as well as two open positions. Directors are listed on the left and can be contacted if necessary. Duties of a Board of Director are: attend board meetings the second Tuesday of each month (no meetings in July or December) and make decisions on matters of WBLA.

Please call Gray Cowart (423.365.2804), Harry Smiley (803.640.7870) or Gil Litteken at 423.365.0199 to make a reservation. We need your reply for the caterer.

Kingston TN - July 4th, 2015 - Smokin the Water Festival

Kingston's yearly 4th of July Festival was held at the water front on Watts Bar Lake. The Festival included several activities, over its three day duration: Miss Firecracker Pageant, Car & Bike Shows, Boat Races, Live Bands, Raft Races, Vendors & Displays, and concluded with Fireworks.

Watts Bar Lake Association participated this year to promote the Lake Association with its attendance and banners, to gain recognition as a Festival supporter, and to initiate conversation with the Kingston Parks & Recreation and City Council about future activities of mutual interest. This year's event was best summed up as: SOGGY! Between the rain storms the activities continued as best they could. Attendance was hampered with the rains, but overall, was very well attended during the drier moments. A follow-up meeting will soon be arranged with Mr. Rick Ross, Director of Parks & Recreation. WBLA will be considering our involvement for next year, and we request your comments and questions about the Association's participation with the festival and the City of Kingston. Contact Roger Hinsdale 423-452-0428 or tennesseenavy@gmail.com

WATTS BAR LAKE ASSOCIATION FISH DAY

The Chuck Copeland Memorial Kids Fishing Rodeo is a major event for us. This year, we experienced a turn out of over 560 registered children. This is always a big event for Spring City and surrounding area. It takes a lot of hard work to put this event together. If it weren't for the WBLA, TWRA, the City of Spring City, and all of the volunteers that help with this event, it would be impossible to have this rodeo. Again, we served almost 1200 hot dogs, drinks, snacks and chips to everyone. A big thank you goes out for all who donated to help fund this project, and a special thank you to VEC's VECustomers Share Program for their generous donation. If you are a VEC customer, please check your bill to make sure you are enrolled in the VECustomers Share Program. It will appear as a VECustomers Shares line item on your bill, rounding up your bill to the nearest dollar. If not, contact your local VEC office to sign up.

Board of Director Positions

We have two open director positions and encourage you to consider becoming a part of our governing body. Director meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Sheriff's annex in Spring City at 6 PM except for July and December.

WBLA WEBSITE

Our website is up and running. Not only do we have information about WBLA, but several links are available for your review and enjoyment.

www.wattsbarlakeassociation.org
Our email address is:
WBLA@wattsbarlakeassociation.org



The Spring general membership meeting was held April 16, 2015 at the Spring City municipal building. Mrs. Anna Fisher, Waste Permitting and Compliance Specialist presented a program on lake permitting. As usual, refreshments were served to all attendees.



Projects

We are currently exploring the ability to monitor our lake ecology and hope to have a program in the near future. If you would like to participate in this program, contact Director Roger Hinsdale at 452-0428

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Watts Bar Lake Association Lake Clean-up April 11, 2015

The Lake Association in association with Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville, TN participated in the annual River Rescue 2015. A total of 25 members/non-members worked 6 separate sites collecting cans, bottles and miscellaneous trash. Special thanks go to Scott Ledford -TVA, Bryan College, Rhea Harbor Marina and the Kiwanis Club of Spring City for coming out and helping us in our efforts to "Keep Watts Bar Lake Clean".

Trash Collected

127 Large Bags (average 30 lbs per bag)	381	0 lbs
23 Car/Truck Tires	46	60 lbs
1 Full size Mattress		0 lbs
1 Twin size Mattress	2	25 lbs
BBQ grill	1	5 lbs
1 Large Air Mattress		5 lbs
2 Steel Wheel Rims	4	10 lbs
1 Large Trash Can	1	0 lbs
3 Metal Chairs	1	5 lbs
1 Small Wash Basin		5 lbs
2 Signs		5 lbs
2 Large Tarps	2	20 lbs
Multiple pieces of Styrofoam		5 Lbs
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Did You Forget?

Several Members have not paid their dues for 2015. Another group has not paid for 2014. I sincerely hope this is an oversight and will look for your dues in the coming days. If you believe you have paid your dues, please contact Teresa Evans or Gray Cowart to help us verify your payment. Thanks for your prompt attention.

Newsletter Proposal

A proposal is being considered to eliminate mailing out the newsletter in favor of posting it on our website and emailing all members who have emails to download it from the website. Your input to this proposal is very important. Please advise by completing the section below and bringing it to the picnic on August 29th. If you can't make it to the picnic, email your response to WBLA@wattsbarlakeassociation.org.

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