



NEWSLETTER

Wrighter Lake Association
Winter 2026

WRIGHTER LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD 2026

- President:**
Mackenzie DiVite
- Vice President:**
Tom Tyler
- Treasurer:**
Tom Novitsky
- Secretary:**
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- Members:**
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Tim Greene
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Nancy McDonald
Bill & Vicki Rate
- Prospective Members:**
Monica Garrigan
Jodi Wesermann
Jones



(but not too much)

ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Wrighter Lake Association Board of Directors would like to welcome two incoming members: **Jodi Wesemann Jones** and **Monica Garrigan**

The board unanimously approved these two nominations, and they will be up for membership approval at the annual meeting this summer.

At the same time, the board would like to thank outgoing members: **Carl Arabia** and **Craig Bryant**. We very much appreciate your service!

Anyone wishing to join the board may email any existing board member including president Mackenzie DiVite or vice president Tom Tyler at info@wrighter-lake.org.

Message From the President

Dear Neighbors,

As we welcome the new year, on behalf of the board I want to extend my best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy year ahead.

A new year always brings fresh energy and a chance to look forward, and our community has much to be excited about. While we may still be in the colder months, planning is already underway as we look ahead to summer and the activities that make Wrighter Lake special. Check out the “Events” section of the newsletter for a preview!

I also want to share an important update regarding our annual dues. The 2026 dues will be \$275. This helps ensure we can continue maintaining our community, supporting planned activities, and addressing ongoing needs. Your contributions play a vital role in keeping our neighborhood strong and vibrant, and we truly appreciate your continued support and involvement. Check out page two for more on this.

Cheers to a great 2026!

~Mackenzie DiVite

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT MATTERS

Dear Wrighter Lake Neighbors,

We hope this message finds you and your families well. As fellow residents, we all share in the benefits of living near such a unique and cherished natural resource—one that brings relaxation, recreation, and value to our homes.

To preserve and enhance these benefits, we invite you to join our Lake Association by contributing the annual membership dues of \$275. Note that this represents a decrease from prior years based on:

- Decreased budget expenses (There was no SAV survey expense budgeted due to decreased curly leaf weed presence the last few years, and a reserve was established for future weed management contingency.)
- A carryover from rained out 2024 fireworks.

Please look for the 2026 budget which will be posted soon on the wrighter-lake.org website.

Your support makes a direct and meaningful impact. Membership dues help fund essential projects that keep our lake and surrounding areas clean, safe, and enjoyable, including:

- Water quality testing
- Maintenance of lake roads
- Wrighter Lake Day weekend community events

The Lake Association is made up of neighbors who care deeply about our shared environment and are committed to safeguarding the natural beauty we all treasure. By joining, you become a partner in shaping the future of our lake and ensuring it remains a vibrant resource for generations to come. We invite Lake Association member feedback. **If you have opinions on how the association uses funds or ideas on how the association might use funds in the future, please direct your comments to president Mackenzie DiVite, vice president Tom Tyler or any board member at info@wrighter-lake.org.**

We truly hope you'll consider becoming a member this year. Your participation strengthens our community and helps keep our lake healthy, accessible, and thriving.

To join, simply submit your \$275 annual dues by instructions below. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're always happy to help.

Thank you for your support and for being an important part of our lake community. Together, we can make a lasting difference.

~Warm regards, Mackenzie DiVite

HOW TO PAY YOUR 2026 DUES

Pay your \$275 WLA Annual Dues via PayPal or Venmo or send a check made out to "Wrighter Lake Association." Additionally, any donations can also be made in the same fashion. Be sure to note "2026 Dues" or "donation" and your lake-house name in the memo section of your payment. **Dues paid before Labor Day provide a clear picture to plan summer events.**



By mail to:

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SUMMER 2026 EVENTS (SO FAR...)

Wrighter Lake Community Road Repair Day:

Tentatively, Saturday, May 24

(Stone will be delivered in usual places before that date.)

Wrighter Lake History Happy Hour: Conversations on Our Lake and Region

Saturday, June 6 from 5-7 p.m.

at the Degraw Cottage
79 East Shore Drive

Topic: Wrighter Lake Trivia

A Saturday in August (TBD)

at the O'Neil dock
367 South Shore Drive
(viewed from the water)

Topic: Music on the dock

Happy hour events are rain or shine. Except for the music on the dock event, hosts will provide beverages, and guests are asked to share an appetizer or dessert.

Annual Meeting:

Saturday, July 11 at 10 a.m.

Wrighter Lake Day (Weekend):

Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19

See wrighter-lake.org for full listing of Wrighter Lake Day Weekend details as they become available

The First Wrighter Reads Book Club:

Tuesday, June 2 at 1 p.m.

*(The first book is: [*The Sideways Life of Denny Voss*](#) by Holly Kennedy)*

See page 4 of this newsletter for more Book Club details.

2025 WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

Bob Lissner and Bruce Swindlehurst took thirteen water samples around the periphery of Wrighter Lake on September 8, 2025. The samples were provided to Penn State Extension in University Park who did the analysis for: e. coli bacteria, Nitrate, Phosphorus, Total Dissolved Solids, pH, Total Alkalinity, Hardness, Manganese, Aluminum, Sulfate.

Like the past years, all tests at all sites indicate that Wrighter Lake are far below all meaningful thresholds of concern. Our water in the lake is excellent! Thank you to all the residents for continuing to make sure no harmful substances find their way into the lake.

Please see the Wrighter Lake website for details (<https://wrighter-lake.org/association>). As always, homeowners should continue to maintain their septic systems and follow other rules to ensure future exceptional results.

WRIGHTER WREADS BOOK CLUB



Thinking ahead to our Wrighter Wreads Book Club, we will start the summer reading season off with our first book discussion on June 2nd, at 1:00pm at the Rate cottage, 19 East Shore Dr. The book for discussion will be **The Sideways Life of Denny Voss** by Holly Kennedy

Looking for ideas for wintertime reads for those snowy days? Try any of the following: **Theo of Golden** by Allen Levi – a “feel good” read that will capture your heart. **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon; **Buckeye** by Patrick Ryan; **The Correspondent** by Virginia Evans; **Beautiful Ugly** by Alice Feeney; **The Secret Life of Sunflowers**, by Marta Molnar.

Happy reading!

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In Memoriam



With heavy hearts, we say
goodbye to our dear friend
and community member:

Mike Clifford
on April 4, 2025

You may email “In Memoriam” listings to Susan Edelman at susanedelman@comcast.net or text to Susan at 484-269-9087, including the name with correct spelling and date of passing. We aim to publish four newsletters per year: winter, spring, summer, fall. (Note: there was no fall 2025 newsletter.)