

Wolf Lake Advocate

Working across state boundaries to enhance Wolf Lake

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Mission and Purpose: *The Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) is a bi-state, not-for-profit organization and land trust. It seeks to improve and enhance Wolf Lake and surrounding natural areas in three ways.*

► *As custodian of the Wolf Lake Vision as developed by the Bi-State Gatherings on Wolf Lake of 2000-2001, AWLI pursues its primary goal by implementing the vision.*

► *AWLI promotes Wolf Lake by sponsoring annual festivals, conducting tours and sponsoring other activities.*

► *It advocates for improved policies and practices through its Vision Implementation Task Force. AWLI also convenes Community Meetings on Wolf Lake.*

Governed by a Board of Directors, AWLI is served by a 27-member Advisory Group. The Legacy Foundation manages a bi-state endowment fund for Wolf Lake established by AWLI.

September deadline for poster contest:

Deadline is Friday, September 18 to enter The Wolf Lake Watershed Meets Daniel Burnham poster contest at AWLI's 6th annual Active Living Faire on Friday and Saturday, October 2-3.



Winners will be honored at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, IN. Guided nature walk will follow with a healthy lunch provided.

The contest is open to students attending Wolf Lake area schools and who belong to youth organizations. The poster contest asks participants to depict how the Wolf Lake watershed is in keeping with the Daniel Burnham's 1909 Plan.

As in past contests, monetary prizes will be awarded to winners. Deadline to submit entries is Friday, September 25. Winning entries will be exhibited at the Wolf Lake Park Informational Kiosk and at the Environmental Education Center.

April-June, 2009

Keeping In The Loop

by Michael Boos, Executive Director

The birth of AWLI

My personal introduction to the Wolf Lake watershed was attending a briefing held by the Illinois DNR near the conclusion of its diagnostic study of Wolf Lake and George Lake in 1995 or 1996. At the time I was representing the Calumet Ecological Park Association.

Several years later my focus returned to the Wolf Lake watershed when the Army Corps of Engineers began meeting with the Hammond Parks Foundation and Friends of Wolf Lake in 1999 on ways to enhance Wolf Lake. That was the time when the Lake Calumet Ecological Partnership was meeting at Chicago State University and the Calumet Heritage Partnership was meeting at Gibson Woods.

Groups in Southeast Chicago and Hammond had been activated to fight off plans to develop Chicago's third airport. They then began applying this energy to the improvement of the neighborhoods, including the

natural communities..

Within this whirlwind of interaction taking place between community groups and state, federal and local agencies, AWLI was born. It formed in late 1999 as a collaboration of the Calumet Ecological Park Association and Friends of Wolf Lake, known as CEPA/Friends of Wolf Lake. The proposal for this new group was then approved in concept by the Calumet Heritage Partnership in November 1999. That same month it joined the Lake Calumet Ecosystem Partnership. Although AWLI was not incorporated until late 2003 or recognized as a 501c3 until early 2004, I look back to the last century to mark the birth of AWLI.

That's why we plan to recognize a decade-long contribution on November 14. We wish that it be more than a celebration among AWLI members, but that residents who enjoy the Wolf Lake watershed participate as well.

The Advocate

The Advocate is the official newsletter of the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative. It is distributed quarterly at no cost to AWLI members and friends. Please send comments to the editor, Patrick Owens, at AWLI@sbcglobal.net.

AWLI is a Burnham Plan Centennial program partner. The Faire is conducted in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake County Solid Waste Management District, Healthy Southeast Chicago, and others.

Planning begins for Active Living Faire:

AWLI is expanding its Active Living Faire to two days this year with most events taking place on Friday, October 2.

Events begin at 9 a.m. at William Powers Conservation Area and continue in the afternoon until 4 on the Indiana side.

Saturday's activities will be held from 10 a.m. until noon at the Environmental Education Center.

As in past events, the 6th annual Active Living Faire will be open to the public with events for the entire family. Events will include birding and nature walks, a farmers market, the Bi-State Wolf 8 Health Walk-a-thons, health screenings, nutrition presentation, tai chi, and a bike tour of Wolf Lake.

Introduce friends to Wolf Lake and surrounds through an attractive gift set of personal stationery.



C. D. Swan
12200 Calumet Avenue
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Dear Dwight Egret:

Purchase of this personalized stationery helps protect the wildlife habitat of Wolf Lake and surrounds. Printed on recycled gray or gray tint off-white stock or solid ivory stock, the stationery, 5.5 inches by 8.5, comes in sets of 10. Each illustration depicts wildlife that is found within the habitat that comprises the Wolf Lake area. Proceeds support the efforts of the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative.

Order from AWLI at **219 933-7149** or **312 220-0120**. A set of 10 copies sells for \$15. Two sets are \$25. Five sets are \$50. Make checks payable to AWLI, PO Box 17080, Chicago, IL 60617.

Yours truly,

C. D. Swan

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The mute swan is among the treasured inhabitants of Wolf Lake and surrounds.

AWLI partners with South Shore Arts:

Some 15 artists have expressed interest in exhibiting at the 4th annual Greening of the Arts Reception & Show from Saturday, October 24 to January 9.

Artists include past exhibitors Dawn Kovera, Rebecca Moss, and Roman and Maria Villareal. New exhibitors will include Susan Nolan, Patricia Hansen, Larry Jensen, Jim Milkowski, William Duckett, Mary Anne Enriquez, Debra Landry, Ken Goodman, Karen Rechtschaffen, Kathy Kreider and Jim Panos.

AWLI and South Shore Arts are sponsoring the event..

The art show will begin Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, and will conclude on January 9 at Substation 9, Hammond Arts Center, 435 Fayette Street, Hammond..

Artists will set up their exhibits at the Environmental Education Center from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday,

Greening of the Arts Reception and Show

Oct. 24-Jan. 9, 2010



Co-sponsored by AWLI and South Shore Arts at the Environmental Education Center 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond and Substation 9, Hammond Arts Center 435 Fayette Street, Hammond.

Save the Date

October 23. The Art Show begins at 10 a.m. the next day. Exhibitors will have a chance to discuss their art at 11 a.m. at an artists' forum.

Speakers will include Mary McClelland, gallery director of South Shore Arts, and a representative from the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Lunch for exhibitors will be served at noon. The band, *Just for Fun*, will play from 5:30-6 p.m. at a wine and cheese reception. As in past years, AWLI will have a raffle of crafts and small gifts.

The Art Show closes at 8 p.m. and reopens at 11 a.m. Sunday. Its Environmental Education Center portion concludes at 4 p.m.

Artists may remove their works then or beginning at 9 a.m. Monday. Artists will then bring their works to Substation 9.

The Art Show features artists who use recycled products or who focus on nature and the environment.

Students invited to show art:

AWLI and South Shore Arts are inviting Wolf Lake area high school and middle school students to exhibit their work at the 4th annual Greening of the Arts Reception and Show.

They have established a student division for the most promising artwork. A prize of \$75 will be

awarded to the winner.

The competition requires entries to be either constructed of recycled material or those which focus on nature. Winning entries will be displayed at the opening of the 4th annual Greening of the Arts Reception & Show on Saturday, October 23, 2009.

Participating schools are asked to notify AWLI by Friday, September 18. Submissions are due Friday, October 16.

A panel of professional artists will select the winner.

Banquet & Dance Set Nov. 14:

AWLI will celebrate in November its first decade of efforts on behalf of the bi-state Wolf Lake community.

AWLI will hold the Banquet of the

Decade and Golden Oldies Dance on Saturday, November 14 at Steve's Lounge, 13200 S. Baltimore Avenue, in the Hegewisch neighborhood of Chicago. Music will be provided by the band *Just for Fun*.

The event is a fundraiser for AWLI.

Prizes will be awarded at the banquet to members selling the most tickets for each of three months: July, August, and September.

AWLI will also award Stewards of the Year 2009. Previous winners during the past decade include Betty Balanoff, Dorreen Carey, Carol Fialkowski, Mardi Klevs, Suzanne Malec, Bob Nelson, Joe and Marlene Novak, John Pastirik, Joann Podkul, Rod Sellers, Verneta Simon, USWA Local 1010 founding Environmental Committee and Lynne Westphal.

Changes to AWLI Office:

AWLI's office area features new carpeting provided by the Lake County Solid Waste Management District (LCSWMD).

The second floor of the Environmental Education Center was reconfigured with AWLI now sharing space with the Wolf Lake Conservation Project.

Since 2004, AWLI has enjoyed free office space because of the generosity of LCSWMD.

Calendar:

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed are at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond.

July 16: 4 p.m., ALF/**WWW.COM**mittee

July 31: 5:30 p.m., AWLI's Governance Committee

July 31: 6:30 p.m., AWLI's Board of Directors Meeting

August 3: 10 a.m., AWLI's Marketing Committee

August 3: 10 a.m., AWLI's Development Sub-Committee

August 6: 3 p.m., AWLI's Membership Committee

August 6: 4 p.m., ALF/**WWW.COM**mittee

August 31: 5:30 p.m., AWLI's Governance Committee

August 31: 6:30 p.m., AWLI's Executive Committee

September 3: 3 p.m., AWLI's Membership Committee

September 3: 4 p.m., ALF/**WWW.COM**mittee

September 8: 10 a.m., AWLI's Marketing Committee

September 17: 4 p.m., ALF/**WWW.COM**mittee

September 28: 5:30 p.m., AWLI's Governance Committee

September 28: 6:30 p.m., AWLI's Board of Directors Meeting

I would like to solicit your writing skills and update Wikipedia with additional informa-

tion that is up-to-date on Wolf Lake.

This free on-line encyclopedia is used by more individuals looking for information than almost any other source. You can reach the site at:

[http://on.wikipedia.org/wiki/wolf_lake_\(Indiana/Illinois\)](http://on.wikipedia.org/wiki/wolf_lake_(Indiana/Illinois)).

Create an account and help improve the image of the lake to a world-wide audience. I will add the information featured in the New York Times newspaper that considers Wolf Lake one of the finest wind surfing lakes in the Midwest.

Once again, Wolf Lake will serve as a stage for five days of unsurpassed entertainment. Go to the Festival of the Lakes at:

<http://festival.gohammond.com/>.

Thanks to the Mayor and staff for

President's Perspective by Robert A. Victor

utilizing the "other great lake." Speaking of unsurpassed entertainment,

plan on attending the "Banquet of the Decade & Golden Oldies Dance on Saturday, November 14, featuring the talents of guitarist Ken Czulno, vocalist Doris, Roy on bass guitar, John on lead guitar, and guest keyboardist Mary Kuzniar. An experience for the ears and mind that you have been waiting for.

For unsurpassed visual talent, meet the artists and their works at the Greening of the Arts Reception and Show at the Environmental Education Center on Saturday, October 24, with the talents of guitarist Ken Czulno adding to the inspiration of the moment. Special thanks to all the volunteers that have participated in AWLI's growing list of community activities and to the youth that participate with their artwork.

Renewed AWLI members:

James F. Conley has renewed his membership in 2009.

New Volunteer:

Nicole Hannas, an undergraduate student at Purdue University, Calumet, is the latest to volunteer at AWLI.

One of her professors at Purdue Calumet is Dr. Young Choi. Dr. Choi was a member of the bi-state steering committee for AWLI in the organization's early years.

The committee eventually was replaced by a board of directors in 2003.

Agenda for Board meeting:

AWLI Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2009
*Environmental Education Center,
2405 Calumet Ave., Hammond*

6:30 p.m.: Opening of meeting by Robert Victor and president's comments

6:35 p.m.: Secretary's report for approval

6:40 p.m.: Treasurer's reports for approvals

1. Profit & Loss for 2009
2. Projected budget for 2009
6:50 p.m.: Executive Director's report

1. Wolf Lake Advocate
2. Carpeting for office
3. Ticket sales for November
14 10th year banquet
4. Indiana Lakes Management Society's workshop

5. Board recruitment
6. Chuck Loring talks
7:00 p.m. Wolf Lake Vision Implementation Task Force

1. Update on L.A.R.E program and discussion of special meeting
2. Updates from Indiana DNR, Illinois DNR, update on Hammond Port Authority project

for Marquette Plan, Lake County, Cook County, city of Chicago
7:10 p.m. Marketing/PR Committee & Development Subcommittee

1. Update on grant applications to Legacy Foundation, Arcelor-Mittal Foundation, BP, Citizens Savings Foundation, Prince Charitable Trusts, DCEO state of Illinois, Chicago Wilderness, Illinois, DNR C-2000 program

2. Update on Wolf Lake CAT appeal 09

7:25 p.m. Governance Committee report

1. Discussion on strategic planning
2. Discussion on business plan
3. Audit subcommittee report
4. Bylaws & Guidelines subcommittee report

7:35 p.m. Membership Committee

1. New members
2. Volunteers
3. Artists sign up for Greening of the Arts Reception & Show

7:40 p.m. **WWW.COM**mittee

1. Update on plans for Active Living Faire

7:50 p.m. Communications

7:55 p.m. Old and New Business

8 p.m. Adjourn to 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 28, 2009

Volunteers needed:

Eveline Heesaker, volunteer coordinator, says AWLI still needs help with the day-to-day operations. "Nicole, Ramona, Ray, Mary and Lonnie can't do it all," she laments.



6th Annual Active Living Faire

Sat., Oct. 2-3

Activities for the entire family
birding, walk-a-thon,
bike the lake, crafts,
health screenings, nutrition,
exercises, nature walk,
poster contest winners.

picnic lunch

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9th Annual Winter Wonderland at Wolf Lake festival

Sat., Jan. 17

skating, birding, nature walk,
tree identification, cross country
skiing, poster contest winners,
Sellerski ice safety competition,
and presentations on underground
railroad, ice boating, etc.

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