



## FALL IS AROUND THE CORNER



## WL SPORTSMAN CLUB

Hold onto your fishing rods, folks, because August 12-13 marked the return of the annual Catfish Derby! The enthusiastic community of anglers gathered in full force under beautiful skies.



🏆 The Quest for the Big One 🏆

The highlight of the event was the unveiling of the Big Catfish, measuring an impressive 26 3/8 inches! But it wasn't just about the big one; countless fish were caught throughout the event making the Catfish Derby an unforgettable experience for every participant, no matter their level of fishing finesse.



## YACHT CLUB

Ahoy, Mateys! YC's Swashbuckling Soiree was a Pirate's Paradise! This year's Pirate-themed Progressive Dinner on August 26<sup>th</sup> was undoubtedly a night to remember. From eye patches to tricorne hats, attendees embraced their inner buccaneer with enthusiasm and style. 75 landlubbers were treated to rum-infused drinks, a treasure trove of appetizers, and a feast fit for a pirate king. As we hoist our sails and chart a course for next year's event, we can't wait to see what thrilling theme awaits!



## WHITE OAKS BAY

After 30+ years of being the President of WOB, Bill has decided to retire. In recognition of his many years of service the Board, with the approval of WOB membership, has decided to name WOB main beach McKinney Park in his honor.



## DAM MAINTENANCE

The threaded shaft used to open and close the sluice gate on the west side of the spillway is bent preventing its operation. Potential fixes are now being investigated.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Golf Outing:



WLCC is hosting this year's golf outing on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Book Creek Golf Club. For more information, Please

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## HONORING A LEGACY

After an incredible 32-year stewardship, a monumental shift is occurring within our organization. Dick Hilton did not run for re-election at this year's Delegates' Convention on September 13<sup>th</sup>. He has decided he will gracefully step down from his role as President, passing the torch of leadership at the end of this year.

Under Dick Hilton's guidance, our organization has accomplished feats that will be celebrated and remembered for generations to come. From the daunting, decades-long process of dredging the lake, including innumerable meetings and detailed mobilization, to all his work on the Nippersink Watershed, including shoreline stabilization to reduce the sediment entering the lake, to erosion protection on the dam and around the islands of Wonder Lake, his impact has woven an indelible thread into the fabric of our organization's history.

As we embark on this new chapter, we extend our deepest gratitude to Dick for his unwavering commitment and remarkable accomplishments. While he will no longer be President starting in 2024, his influence will continue to shape our organization.

Let us come together to applaud Dick Hilton's remarkable tenure and to express our heartfelt appreciation for his exceptional leadership.



Here's to you, Dick Hilton

\*Editor's Apology, that picture was too good to pass up!