

# WESTLAKE LAKE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Members of the Westlake Lake Community,

Welcome to 2023! As the incoming President of the WLMA organization that manages our beloved Westlake Lake, I am excited to be taking on this role and to have the opportunity to serve and work alongside each and every one of you. I would like to start by thanking **Lisa Carl**, our outgoing President, for her tireless efforts on behalf of our community. Her leadership and commitment have laid a strong foundation for us to build upon.

As we move into the new year, we are off to a great start with the recent (and continuing) rain that has filled our lake to capacity! I even saw more happy birds on the lake too. The natural beauty of Westlake Lake is truly breathtaking.

The WLMA Board along with the leadership by our Lake Operations Manager, **Nick Smith**, continue to look for, test, and then invest in new ways to maintain and improve the health and beauty of our lake. For example, we recently installed aerators near the Landing main channel area to improve the oxygen levels and health of the lake and we have plans to install aqua thruster aerators for some troublesome inlets. Also, we have made some investments and plans to continue carp management to control the population of this invasive species.

We have exciting improvements planned that I will continue to share. Also, please watch for updates of lake operations (and you can find our lake rules and regulations) in our new and improved website recently relaunched ([www.westlake-lake.com](http://www.westlake-lake.com)) – be sure to check it out!

Our focus moving forward will be on maintaining and preserving the natural beauty and privacy of our lake and community. I'm committed to continue transparent and open communication and want to encourage all members of the community to get involved and share their ideas and feedback. By working towards our common objectives, we can ensure that Westlake Lake remains a beautiful and welcoming place we all call home.

**Did you know?** Every 1" of rainfall adds approximately 7" increase in the lake water level. This is due to the 27 miles of runoff from surrounding neighborhoods and Lake Sherwood. Sometimes the runoff comes with debris that we developed ways to mitigate. *Everyone can also help minimize debris by ensuring landscaping scraps are not blown into the lake or drainage.*

I look forward to working together to make the most of this incredible opportunity to serve our community.

Respectfully,

Chip Lightfoot, President