

# WMLCRID QUARTERLY MEETING @ SANDBAGGERS (11/18/21)

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# HOLIDAY VISITOR COUNTS

## ❖ Labor Day Weekend

- FRI 9/3 38 Visitors
- SAT 9/4 102 Visitors
- SUN 9/5 121 Visitors
- MON 9/6 72 Visitors

# SUMMER SAFETY REPORT



- ❖ **Everyone had a safe and fun summer**
  - No 911 Calls,  
No Boat Accidents
  - We did rescue a handful of stranded boats
  - During the summer, We do talk to all boat owners, as they enter the lake, about safety

# WATER LEVEL UPDATE



## ❖ Working with SCID

- Early Summer, the water was down -1.5 feet
- Extreme Flood Event happened on 7/22-23, water came up 15 feet
- SCID utilized the water for Ag and brought water down to 4.5 feet
- SCID is now done taking water for the year

# DOCK REPAIRS

## ❖ Fixing the Floats

- We had several floats that were failing. We were able to replace them this Fall.



# Carr Circle Updates

- ❖ Basketball Court Lines
- ❖ Picnic Table
- ❖ Disc Golf Baskets
- ❖ Bark Under Swings





# KAYAK RENTALS

❖ **NOW AVAILABLE**

- **SINGLE KAYAK**
  - Hourly \$20
  - Half-Day (4hrs) \$60
  - Full-Day (8hrs) \$90



# ADDITIONAL REMINDER SIGNS

❖ Speed Limit

❖ Dog Rules





# ❖ VIA EMAIL, FB, WEBSITE

■ July 15, 2021

# REGULAR NEWSLETTER

## WMLCRID NEWSLETTER

JULY 15 2021





Sunset on WML with smoky skies

**COMMUNITY MEETING 8/19/21**

The next WMLCRID public meeting is coming up in Mid-August. This town hall meeting will be open to all White Mountain Lakes neighborhood residents. We look forward to seeing y'all there.

THU | 6pm | August 19 | Sandbaggers (@ Golf Course)

**HOLIDAY ATTENDANCE AT THE LAKE**

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND		
SAT	5/29	148 Visitors
SUN	5/30	150 Visitors
MON	5/31	113 Visitors
JULY FOURTH WEEKEND		
FRI	7/2	105 Visitors
SAT	7/3	176 Visitors
SUN	7/4	211 Visitors
MON	7/5	169 Visitors

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**UPDATE ON LAKE WATER LEVEL**

As many are aware, the water level in our lake is down drastically this year.

**THE AGREEMENT:** The lake water and the lake shore are owned by the Silver Creek Irrigation District (SCID), which built the dam and the lake for the purpose of their irrigation customers down stream. The WMLCRID has an agreement with the SCID to keep the water above a certain level between Memorial Day and Labor day. That level is represented by the "0-Mark" painted on our boat ramp. The WMLCRID currently pays \$5,000 per month for the SCID to keep the water above that level.

**DRY CONDITIONS:** We all desire for the lake level to stay way up above the "0-Mark". However, due to very dry conditions, the water level never made it higher than 7ft above this year, and without a lot of rain, it looks very likely that we will be going below the "0-Mark". For comparison, last year we reached 13ft above, and worked our way down throughout the summer. Again, due to the lack of rain this year, there is not enough water coming into the lake to keep the water level rising.

**WORKING WITH SCID:** The County, the SCID, and the WMLCRID have been in regular communication regarding the lake level. The SCID board is very concerned that they are likely going to have to drop below the "0-Mark", and they are working diligently to try and keep it above. They have all of their wells in action, to try and offset the needed water flow. Unfortunately, there are a couple of their ditches that are only fed by the water flow in the creek below the dam, so they need to have at a minimum level of water flowing out of the lake.

**ACTION BY THE COUNTY BOS:** While the existing agreement between WMLCRID and SCID did allow for the rare possibility of the water lever going below the "0-Mark", and it did specify that the WMLCRID will pay a lower amount if this happens... the agreement did not specify how much less, or how it would be determined. On TUE June 22, the County BOS approved an amendment to the agreement, clarifying how the proration will work. Basically, WMLCRID will pay 25% less for every foot below the "0-Mark" for that month. Of course, we all would rather pay the full price each month, AND have the water level up.

We want to thank the SCID Board and County Management for working together to clarify this agreement.

**BASS TOURNAMENT — SUNDAY JULY 11**

July 11 — The White Mountain Bass Club holds a tournament on a different lake each month, with their championship held in Sept. The Tournament is catch and release.

The event organizers manage the handfuls of fish habitats located around the lake. They replace as needed, & every year or so they add a few more to the lake.



The Winner

Also, they provide us with great info on the types and quantities of fish in the lake. This year saw 16 teams on the lake.

The largest Bass was 5.3 lbs.



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■ September 07, 2021

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## WMLCRID NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 07 2021



### COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATE

The August 19 WMLCRID public meeting was well received and attended by approximately 40 people. Thanks to Silver Creek Golf Course and Sandbaggers Restaurant for hosting the meeting. On our website, you can view the PowerPoint presentation, as well as see a video recording of the meeting. Go to the following link:  
[wmlcrd.org/wmlcrd-about-us/public-meetings](http://wmlcrd.org/wmlcrd-about-us/public-meetings)

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Silver Creek feeds White Mountain lake

#### UPDATE ON THE LAKE WATER LEVEL

In early July, the water level in our lake was down drastically. But then the once-in-a-lifetime "flash flood" event happened on THU 7/22 and FRI 7/23. This extreme weather event dumped tons of water into our "watershed" (the area to the south of us that feeds surface-wash water directly to our lake. This watershed comes all the way from those mountains to our south, on the other side of highway 60. This extreme weather event caused our lake to rise 15 vertical feet in 12 hours, and another 3 vertical feet in the next 12 hours. That is a lot of water on the move, which lifted our docks and moved them over. There was even an evacuation order issued for the towns of Taylor and Snowflake (downstream from the lake) due to the expectation of our lake overflowing its overflow lake (Mexican Hat). Fortunately, Mexican Hat Lake did not overflow, although it came really close, and the flooding downstream was minimal.



This is the same flood event that washed out Silver Creek Road at the Dags Inlet (a.k.a. Rocky Arroyo). Many thanks to the crew and volunteers who worked hard to get the docks back into place.

#### BASS TOURNAMENT — SUNDAY SEP 19

SEPTEMBER 19 — The White Mountain Bass Club will hold the second day of their 2-day championship Tournament here at White Mountain Lakes. Weigh in starts at 2pm. Come a little earlier, if you want to check it out.



#### STAFF SHIRTS — THE LAKE BLUE CREW

Earlier this summer, prior to the 4th of July Weekend, your WMLCRID staff started wearing the Blue Shirts. The shirts carry the logo on the front, and say "STAFF" on the back. So far, the new look has received a fantastic response. The idea is to make Staff more readily identifiable for visitors.



#### WMLCRID PROJECT LIST UPDATES

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#### NEW BASKETBALL COURT LINES

The Carr Circle Park has a playground and a concrete basketball court. Now, the court has Free-Throw & 3-Pt lines.



#### WMLCRID BUDGET FOR FY 21/22

The WMLCRID "Projected" Budget for the fiscal year 2021/2022 can be viewed at:  
[wmlcrd.org/wmlcrd-about-us/documents](http://wmlcrd.org/wmlcrd-about-us/documents)

#### KAYAK RENTAL NOW AVAILABLE

Kayaks Rental = Currently, we only have single kayaks. Soon, we expect to have double kayaks and paddleboards:  
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■ October 10, 2021

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## WMLCRID NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 10 2021



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 THU | 6pm | Nov 18 | Sandbaggers (@ Golf Course)

### AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Shows the avg daily attendance for Non-Holidays this summer (6/1-9/2). Excluded are: Memorial Day Weekend, 4th July Weekend, Labor Day Weekend.

DAY	VISITORS	SKIBOATS	JETSKIS	KAYAKS	GUEST PASS
MON	25.0	1.4	0.7	0.9	1.1
TUE	15.1	1.3	1.3	2.3	0.3
WED	39.1	1.9	0.4	3.1	3.8
THU	32.4	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.9
FRI	35.6	1.8	1.0	1.7	3.0
SAT	93.7	4.6	1.5	6.7	10.2
SUN	68.7	3.5	2.1	6.8	6.0

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It is gorgeous out here on the lake

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#### DATABASE SWITCHED TO CONSTANT CONTACT

WMLCRID Staff moved the District's Database over to Constant Contact in order to more easily send emails to the database, and to move away from the multiple excel spread sheets. CC also makes it easier for staff to search the database.

#### REPAIR OF FAILING DOCK FLOATS

There were several floats that were failing on the "rental" dock, resulting in a serious sag in the dock structure (See Before Pic). This summer, WMLCRID staff was able to replace those three failing floats, to bring the dock back into proper shape. (See After Pic)




#### PLACARD SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

Occasionally, staff fields some questions regarding the current Placard System. Some feel it is too lenient, & others feel that it is too restrictive. In reality, the Placard System is a nice middle ground between high-security and no-security. Also, we currently have had no issues with vandalism.



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#### CARR CIRCLE PICNIC TABLE

Amenities = Playground & B-Ball Court. This summer, we also added a much requested picnic table in the shade.



#### WEATHER STATION

The WMLCRID weather station shows the current weather at the lake: Wind, Rain, Temp, Barometer, Etc. View it at:  
[wmlcrid.org](https://wmlcrid.org) (HOME PAGE)

#### KAYAKS FOR RENT

Reminder: We have Kayaks available for rent. During the off-season, rentals are still available by appointment.  
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■ November 14, 2021

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## WMLCRID NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 14 2021



Kayaking Is Fun For Everyone



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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



WMLCRID Staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving at the lake

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MOVING TOWARDS A LOCAL BOARD

There is a move afoot to change how the White Mountain Lakes County Recreation Improvement District (WMLCRID) operates. Currently, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors serves as the Governing Board for the WMLCRID. This arrangement is due to the Arizona State Statute (i.e., Law or Ordinance) that defines how Recreation Districts in the State are created, and how they will operate. Since it was created in 1993, the WMLCRID has operated in this manner, with the County BOS as its Board. However, there is a strong desire by Members of the District to transition control of the District from the County BOS to an Elected Board made up of Local Community Members. To meet the community's desire for local control of the District, Navajo County Supervisor Jason Whiting has spearheaded the effort to change the Arizona State Statute. He has put together all the information needed for the legislative item; and he has worked all the other Arizona Counties to garner their support as well. The next step is for the Arizona State Legislature to take up the issue during their next legislative session, typically convening in January and adjourning in June. Should the State Legislature pass this item, Navajo County will continue to support the district all the way through the election of local officials and beyond... until the district is ready to stand on its own. This new State Statute would be an exciting change for the District and is strongly supported by both the WMLCRID Staff and by Navajo County as well. WMLCRID Staff will continue to provide updates on this situation as they develop.

PUBLIC TRASH DUMPING PROHIBITED

VACATION RENTAL PLACARDS

Occasionally, visitors fill up District trashcans with their own household trash. Should you see this happen, please report it at 928-278-8035.

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WMLCRID now has a program allowing Vacation Rental Owners (VRBO or Airbnb) to pay an annual fee of \$50 per year for staff to hold their lake placard. During the off-season, rentals available by appointment... call 928-278-8035.  
[wmlcrid.org/wmlcrid-activities](https://wmlcrid.org/wmlcrid-activities)

NEW ADDITIONAL REMINDER SIGNS AT LAKE

In 2020, WMLCRID Staff installed some reminder signs to highlight some of the basic rules/policies for lake visitors. While those signs have worked well, it has become evident that there are a few additional rules that it would be helpful to highlight. Recently, Staff has installed several speed limit signs and a reminder for dog owners.




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# MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTED



- ❖ Fixed the following operational issues:
  - Database consisted of 6-8 Excel spreadsheets
  - Some staff struggle with using Excel
  - Frontier restricts mass email distribution lists





# ONGOING TASKS THIS WINTER

- ❖ CURB PAINTING PROJECT
- ❖ GRAVEL ON THE PARKING LOT
- ❖ BUILD BORDER AROUND SWINGS AND ADD BARK

# ONGOING TASKS THIS WINTER

- ❖ CREDIT CARD  
PAYMENT OPTION
- ❖ BOATER SAFETY  
HANDOUT CARD
- ❖ WEBSITE UPDATES  
(HISTORICAL PAGE)

# DISTRICT INSURANCE COVERAGE

- ❖ SPOKE WITH  
MR. HANCOCK
- ❖ \$1 MILLION  
COVERAGE
- ❖ WHAT IF?

# MOVE TOWARDS LOCAL BOARD

- ❖ ARIZONA STATE STATUTE GOVERNS THE DISTRICT'S CREATION
- ❖ CURRENTLY COUNTY BOS IS OUR BOARD
- ❖ SUPERVISOR WHITING IS WORKING TO CHANGE THE STATUE

# MEETINGS WITH THE PUBLIC

- ❖ **Next Upcoming  
Community Meeting**
  - Tentatively set for  
Late-January 2022



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