

To All Crescent Lake Residents

Another July 4th has come and gone and we had nice weather for playing in and on the lake. There was almost no wind which is perfect for shooting off the fireworks. I believe Greg and Cheryl Edwards and all their guests were able to enjoy the fireworks without too much debris chasing them inside.

I would like to **Thank All** those individuals and families that volunteered to help with the fireworks. The crew we had for the setup equaled last year's phenomenal record of being all done setting up in 30 minutes. Our crew for Saturday afternoon loading and wiring was also great. Again, the morning after cleanup crew did a fantastic job picking up all the debris and litter. Without such fantastic help the fireworks could not happen.

I enjoyed meeting a lot of new neighbors on the lake. I was especially pleased to see so many ladies turn out for all the different jobs. We have a great bunch of residents on Crescent Lake. Sorry, I missed getting a picture of the loading and wiring crew.



CLEANUP CREW



SETUP CREW

I would also like to Thank the **Crescent Lake Fire Department** for being on site and putting out the one small fire in the woods between us and Edwards and for wetting down the mortars at the end of the show to make sure nothing smolders overnight.

A special Thank You goes to **Tom O'Melia and family** for allowing us use their property, to **Sarah Shrader** at Jelinek's Well Drilling for letting us store all the mortars, platforms, and stakes in their shed all year, to **John and Sandy Dusenbery** for letting us use their trailer, to the **Jack and Linda Grzesik** for marking off the safety zone on the lake, to the **Bible Camp** for having someone sing the National Anthem, to **Mark Mergenthaler** who helped me shoot off the fireworks, to **John Dusenbery** who watched over the setup to give us a two hour supper break before the show, and to **Sue and Jim Binder** our official lawn mowers that clean the property after we have done all the raking and hand clean up.

Also, without all the great donations our fireworks would not be possible. The cost of the fireworks this year was \$1000 more than last year due to price increases and shortage of supplies but again all you wonderful residents gave a little extra and we were able to put on a pretty good show. Kudos to all those that helped with the wiring. We had two shots that didn't go off but otherwise everything went well.

We hope you all enjoyed the show. I had a little problem with my program in the remote this year so I ending up just shooting things off at random trying to mix things up but I didn't have an opening or finale as it worked out.

After we have supposedly shot everything off we have to check every mortar to make sure they have all gone off so that is why usually there are some shots after the show has ended. I do have a small air horn that I shoot off after we are sure all the shells have fired to let you know we are officially done. Then it is safe for the fire department to put out the fires or anything that is smoldering.

Looking forward to seeing all you volunteers next year. It is especially nice seeing all you ladies and newbies! Working on the fireworks is a great way to meet some new neighbors or just chat with old friends. I would have resigned years ago if it wasn't for the truly great help. Thank You!!!!!!

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