

Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association
P.O. Box 63
Howard City Mi. 49329

June 2006



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Summer Time

DONATIONS:

The donations are coming in slowly. We still need your help. Please Donate!!!

Thanks to all the **BIG** Donators. All the members appreciate it. Remember every little bit helps.

If everyone could spare \$ 30.00, we sure could use it.



PUMPS:

All pumps are on and will remain on through the summer.

The Pavilion Park is now fenced to help protect the new pump. We have only 2 parks left to fence.

WEED KILL:

The lake is in really good condition. The weeds will be gone by July 4th

Remember to use only **PHOSPHORUS FREE** fertilizer as this will help with the control of the weeds.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

If you know of anyone who has recently moved to the lake, please notify or have the new members notify the Welcome committee in order to receive their "Welcome Packet."

Welcome committee - Lorie & John Collier - 616-498-0463
Ron & Mary Vierheilig - 231-937-5525

PETS:

Cats seem to have become a problem. Members of our lake have had window and slider screens destroyed due to cats tearing them up. According to Animal Control the cats can be trapped and then picked up by Animal Control. Please keep your cats contained in your yard.



Since we live in a close community, it is strongly suggested that you do not let your dogs run free unless your yard is fenced. There have been numerous complaints of dogs leaving their “calling card” on someone else’s property, harassing walkers, excessive barking, and even attacks. Please respect your neighbors and keep your pets under control.

BYLAWS:

We now have a bylaws committee. They are currently working on revising the bylaws.

Thank you bylaws committee!!!

2006 EVENTS

Mark your calendars!!!!!!



- Kids’ Fishing Day - June 10**
- Pike Tournament - July 1**
- Ski Show, Boat Parade, and Fireworks - July 1**
- Annual Board Meeting 10:00 AM – August 12**
- Lake wide Garage Sales - August 5**
- Bass Tournament - September 2**



Kids Fishing Day: June 10th 9:00 am

We need more volunteers for this event. Tony Gates @ WLAV has partnered up with Big Brothers and they will bring 25 kids with them. Plus 10 from the radio show. That brings the total to 60people.

This event has shown that our community has a big heart and is willing to help kids that could use a great day of fishing. It’s only for 3 hours, but will last a lifetime for these kids.

Call Steve Pritchard to be part of this great event.

SPECIAL PRAYERS:

Please say a special prayer for Tom and Shelly Benjamin, Doug Sager and his family.

SKI SHOW:

The ski show will be on July 1 @ 1:00 pm. It will be held on the south side of Tepee Island.

Keith Alexis has solely sponsored the ski show this year.

Let's give big *Kudos* to **KEITH** for stepping up to the plate and sponsoring this event. Without him, this would not have occurred.

Keith and the West Michigan Ski Association want to wish everyone a safe and fun summer. And always remember to have a spotter!

BOAT PARADE:

Karen Brimmer has volunteered to manage the Boat Parade. The theme this year is Hawaiian Luau.

If you have any questions, please call Karen at 231-937-7946.

Swans:

Sadly we have to report the death of one of our swans. As reported before, we had a very aggressive swan on our lake. Our swan became aggressive due to the torment it received from wave runners and boats.

Our swan collided with a wave runner this past weekend. Upon collision the swan broke it's neck and died. Now this incident was an accident, so no one was prosecuted. If it had been an intentional act of harassment the driver would have been prosecuted. The sentence could have been a huge fine and six months in jail.

People must understand that our wildlife is important!! The swan's only defense is to attack when tormented or threatened. Please use common sense and leave the wild life alone.

DOCKS:

Norma Taylor notified Steve Pritchard, President of the Association, that the DEQ requires a "*marina permit*" for the docks located in our "common" areas.

Upon further investigation, it was agreed that the association would apply for the permit, which has been done.

We have one step left in our marina permit application. New dock regulations will be published soon.

FIREWORKS:

We had great contributions for the fireworks show. Thank you very much; it should be a great show as always.

Last year the fireworks were almost canceled because people were shooting fireworks over the island where all the fireworks are stored and setup prior to the show.

Please be aware of the danger this creates! We don't want anyone hurt or to bring our celebration to an end.

Thank you for your consideration and respect of your community.

It has been brought to the Board's attention that the fireworks around the lake have been getting out of control. Checking with the **STATE POLICE**, any firework that leaves the ground is illegal. We do not mind people celebrating but **LIMIT** the celebrating to the **HOLIDAY WEEKEND**.

IF YOU WISH TO FILE A COMPLAINT, please contact the **STATE POLICE** at 989-352-8444.

ROAD REPAIRS:

Please contact Norma Taylor at 231-937-4750 if you have any complaints, concerns, or suggestions with reference to the roads.

DUES:

We have many members who have not paid yet. It is time to pay up!

You may mail your dues without the invoice to Lake Shores Association, P.O. Box 63, Howard City, MI 49329. If you know your lot number, please notate this on your check.

BOARD ELECTION:

Well, it's the time of year again where two positions will open on the Board. Steve Pritchard's position and Tammy William's position will be voted on later this year.

Steve Pritchard has decided not to run this year. His wife is retiring and he said he would be on the board until she retired. We need someone to step up and take his place.

Any interested parties must submit their resume to Lake Shores Association, P.O. Box 63, Howard City, MI 49329 no later than July 31, 2006. ***The resumes must be received by July 31 and not postmarked.***

We will announce when the vote will take place and how it will be handled.

Septic Tanks:

For a better deal on septic tank cleaning call Scott Brooks. We need at least 6 people to sign up. Scott Brooks: 231- 937-5646

Lake Rules:

Everyone needs to help police the lake. 5 board members cannot be everywhere at all times. If you see someone breaking the rules please speak up. If we all work together we can have a safe summer. We need your help.

Remember:

Wake hours are 11:00am to 8:30pm. (That means you may only make a wake during this time period)

Boat traffic must go counterclockwise.

You must have a spotter when towing! Wave runner spotters must face backwards!!

Please keep 100 feet from docks, boats and wildlife!

All watercrafts must have an association sticker.

No visitor boats allowed!

ATV's:

Remember ATV's are not allowed on county roads. Dirt bikes are not allowed to run over the berm. It is fenced off and signs are posted. **If you are the guilty one, please stop!** Please see attached ATV rules.

BOARD MEMBERS:

President – Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
Vice President – Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946
Treasurer – Paul Church	231-937-8353
Secretary – Tammy Williams	231-937-6762
Trustee – George Verheek	231-937-9782

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Tammy Williams	231-937-6762
Lori Kropewnicki	231-937-9973
Nancy Bradley	616-889-4955
Sherrie Gerrits	616-437-5378
Lorie Collier	616-498-0463

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

John & Lorie Collier	616-498-0463
Ron & Mary Vierheilig	231-937-5525

LAW ENFORCEMENT NUMBERS:

DNR – Sheryl Houser – 616-984-5398

Poaching – 800-292-7800

Animal Control – 989-831-7355

Injured Animals – John – 231-937-4687

Drain Commission: 989-225-7322

Road Commission: 989-831-5285

Michigan State Police/ Lakeview Post

989-352-8444

Montcalm Co. Sheriff- 989-831-5253

Howard City Police- 231-937-4311

Emergency- 911

Please attend the TOWNSHIP MEETINGS – They are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Winfield Township Hall.

LET's GET INVOLVED. It's our Community.