

# Smoke Signals

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

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## *SPRING IS HERE !!!*

**DONATIONS:** We still need your help. Please Donate!!!

The donations are coming in slowly. The association has received \$3924 towards fireworks and \$2223 towards the pavilion. We are \$12,777 from reaching our goal.

Thanks to all the **BIG** Donators. They are appreciated by all the members. Remember every little bit helps.

Keep in mind if we do not receive enough donations to help offset the association costs, the Board will have no recourse except to initiate a vote for a **DUES INCREASE**.



**If everyone could spare \$ 30.00, we could meet our goal.**

### PUMPS:

The lake is about to overflow; therefore, two of the pumps are turned off and the pump at the pavilion has been left on.

**DO NOT PUT ANY BOATS IN AT THE PAVILION and DO NOT DRIVE OVER THE OUTLET PIPE. THIS WILL DESTROY IT!!!!!!**

**All the members just received a "Special Assessment" on their taxes for the new pump. I am sure we do not want to receive another assessment only to repair a damaged pump due to negligence.**

### WEED KILL:

This is the big year! Professional Lake Management will be applying Sonar this year. This will eliminate Eurasian Milfoil & Curly Leaf pondweed. The **treatment dates** have been attached for your review.

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

### **PETS:**

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.



### **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 Vierheilg - 231-937-5525

### **BYLAWS:**

We would like to address the by-laws again this year. The Board received feedback last year with only three areas of concern. The soon-to-be By-laws Committee will revise these areas of concern based on member input before revising the by-laws and mailing them out to all members to review and vote.

Four members have volunteered to help with this project and we would like to have at least six total. If there are any volunteers, please contact Steve Pritchard at 231-937-5010.

## **2006 EVENTS**

**Mark your calendars!!!!!!**



**Lake Wide Garage Sale – May 27**

**Bass Tournament - June 3**

**Kids’ Fishing Day - June 10**

**Pike Tournament - July 1**

**Ski Show, Boat Parade, and Fireworks - July 1**

**Annual Board Meeting 10:00 AM – August 2**

**Lake wide Garage Sales - August 5**

**Bass Tournament - September 2**



## **YARD WASTE CLEAN-UP:**

**April 8, 2006 (Saturday)** – There will be two yard waste dumpsters available for members. One is at Tall Oaks Park and the other is Pawnee Points Park.

Please make it small and ***absolutely no plastic or trash***. The association ***will be fined***.

We would like to offer more dumpsters; however, money is tight this year.

## **SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY:**

**May 20, 2006 (Saturday)** – There will be ***three large dumpsters*** and ***one yard waste dumpster*** at Pawnee Points Park for members.

***Yard waste only in the yard waste dumpster.***

***No tires, liquids, or batteries in any dumpster.***

## **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.

Along with the “marina permit” will be ***new regulations*** for the docks. We will publish these regulations once the permit is received.

***REMINDER – Any members who have docks in the common areas must have their dues paid by APRIL 15, 2006, or you will LOSE your dock space. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!***

## **FIREWORKS:**

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.

## **SKI SHOW:**

Keith Alexis will sponsor the SKI SHOW this year. It will be held on July 1, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. The location will be announced in a future newsletter.

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

**BOAT PARADE:**

Karen Brimmer has volunteered to manage the Boat Parade

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

**ROAD REPAIRS:**

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

**DUES:**

The Board has been notified that some of the members have not received their dues invoice

If you have not received your dues invoice, you may call Paul Church at 231-937-8353.

You may also 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.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:**

Please say a special prayer for Tom and Shelly Benjamin, Doug Sager and his family, Dave and Jeannine Tebeau, and Lois and Ken Pater.

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

We do not want this to come across as negative; however, Board members are receiving a large volume of phone calls unrelated to their positions.

***The Board is not responsible for the following:***

1. Barking or problem animals.
2. Neighbor disputes.
3. Loud parties.
4. Speeding vehicles.
5. Vandalism.

***Please reference the last page of the newsletter for the phone numbers of where to initiate your concern or complaint.***

Remember, the Board members are only volunteers that are willing to use their personal time to help maintain our beautiful lake area. If you want more restrictions and ordinances, please attend the township meetings and voice your opinion.

***Please make a difference; not a complaint.***

**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 and Tammy are not resigning from their position. Steve had promised all members that every year there will be two positions that are up for election and it just happens to be their positions this year.

If there are no members who are interested in these positions, Steve and Tammy will remain on the Board.

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

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.***

**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/Lakeveiw Post – 989-352-8444**

**Montcalm County Sheriff – 989-831-5253**

**Howard City Police – 231-937-4311**

**Emergency – 911**

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

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