

# Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association

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**Our goal is to work together to provide for preservation of the values and amenities in our lakeside community. We welcome any additional help and assistance.**

**Please donate to the fireworks fund!**

## **Abbott Pavilion Rental:**



There is a flat \$50 rental fee payable to the Lake Shores Association plus a separate \$50 cleaning deposit payable to Angela Ringler for the use of the pavilion. Dues must be current for members to able to rent the pavilion. The pavilion can be reserved for your personal event by completing and submitting the Pavilion Rental form on our website or contacting Angela Ringler at 231-580-9526. **The two separate deposits (rental and cleaning) must be paid to the treasurer when you make your reservation. Deposits will be refunded only if your reservation is canceled at least one month in advance of the date you had reserved to use the pavilion.**

Please note that the cleaning deposit will be forfeited if fasteners such as tape, nails, wires, paperclips, and screws are used to attach items to walls, ceiling, or windows. Smoking is not allowed in the pavilion – smoking in the pavilion will also result in the forfeiture of the cleaning deposit.

## **Fish:**

More walleye and crappie were planted in our lake last October. There were 400 6 to 9 inch Walleye and 780 Black Crappie planted last fall. The total fish plant budget for 2012 was \$4000

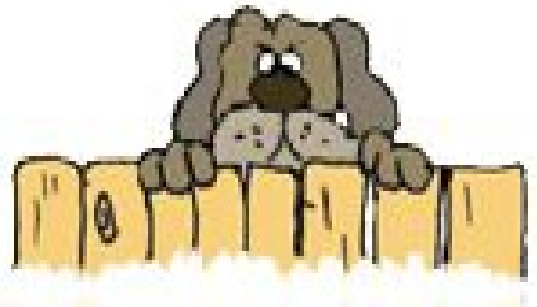


## **Architectural Committee:**

Building regulations are spelled out in LSA covenants, restrictions and township zoning ordinance. All structures and alterations must get approval and/or permits from LSA architectural committee, township zoning administrator, and county building department.

## **Break-ins:**

Just beware, incidents of break-ins around the lake, and there have been theft of gas tanks and boat batteries already reported. Prowlers have also been reported this winter. Also this winter, Snowmobiles have been driven across yards, damaging flowers and turf. Be respectful and stay off private property.



### **Neighborhood Watch:**

Report any suspicious behavior to the Montcalm County Sheriff or the State Police in Lakeview, If you are new to our community and have not received your new “Welcome Packet” or are a lake member who knows of new members please contact Doug or Darlene Ringler at 231-937-5525.



### **Sweatshirts:**

We still have some Indian Lakes Sweatshirts in stock. Call Valerie at 937-5010 for sizes available. All profits from sweatshirt sales (after expenses have been paid) go to our fireworks fund.

### **Consider Advertising in Smoke Signals. We still have room for you!!**

Contact a board member or a newsletter committee member if interested! Ads come in three sizes. A full page ad is \$200, a half page ad is \$150, and a business card size is \$75 for one year – four issues.

### **E-Mail Addresses:**

Currently we have the e-mail addresses of less than one third of our members. The use of e-mail is an easy and quick method to get information (including Smoke Signals) to our members. We send our e-mail messages in a way that does not reveal the recipients' e-mail addresses.

Smoke Signals are usually published 4 times yearly – all posted on [www.indianlakes.org](http://www.indianlakes.org). All issues will be e-mailed to members whose e-mail addresses we do have on file, and two issues will be mailed to members whose email addresses we do not have. It cuts our expenses dramatically if we can send Smoke Signals this way.

Members who would always like Smoke Signals via e-mail can e-mail a note to [info@indianlakes.org](mailto:info@indianlakes.org) requesting that their newsletters be e-mailed to them – newsletters that are e-mailed are in color.

### **LSA Board of Directors:**

The LSA Board selected Brandon White to replace Steve Pritchard as president. Brandon's phone number is the table on page 3 that lists all of the board members and their phone numbers. He can also be e-mailed at [president@indianlakes.org](mailto:president@indianlakes.org).

Brandon, Carrie and their family moved to Indian Lake in 2008. Brandon is a computer and networking technician working out of Newaygo.

### **From the Treasurer Desk:**

Annual Dues are due April 1st. If not paid by April 31st a \$2.00 re-billing charge will be added to your account. If not paid by May 31st we will start a small claims court proceeding. This has worked well in the past year. Electing to go to small claims court will cost you an additional \$100.00 to \$200.00. As always, if you cannot pay your dues in full, on time, you may contact me to set up a payment plan.

I want to remind everyone it is your donations that fund the fireworks show. If each member just donated \$15.00 we would have enough money for the full show we are accustomed to. Last year we only had a \$5000.00 show. Normal shows on the lake cost \$6500.00

Sincerely, Valerie Pritchard

<b>Board Members:</b>		<b>Home Phone</b>
President	Brandon White	231-648-6032
Vice President	Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946
Secretary	Theresa Lane	616-516-8407
Treasurer	Valerie Pritchard	231-937-5010
Trustee	Doug Ringler	231-937-4198
<b>Architectural Committee:</b>		
	Doug Ringler	231-937-4198
	Craig Einberger	231-580-6080
	Mark Spangenberg	616-855-4625
<b>Newsletter Committee:</b>		
	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
	Glenn Irwin	231-629-4797
<b>Welcoming committee:</b>		
	Doug & Darlene Ringler	231-937-4198
<b>Law Enforcement Numbers:</b>		
	DNR	616-225-3414
	Poaching	800-292-7800
	Animal Control – Montcalm County	989-831-7355
	Drain Commission – Don Cooper	989-831-7322
	Montcalm County Road Commission	989-831-5285
	Michigan State Police/Lakeview Post	989-352-8444
	Montcalm County Sheriff	989-831-5253
	Howard City Police	231-937-4311
	Fire Chief William Knapp	989-815-0905
	Emergency	911
<b>Drain Commissioner's Lake Level Committee:</b>		
	John Westveer	231-937-5280
	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
	Dave Van Dam	616-937-4170
<b>Pavilion Rental Contact:</b>		
	Angela Ringler	231-580-9526.

### **Calender of events for Spring/Summer 2013**

Apr 01	Annual Assessments are due	Aug 31	Bass Tournament* - Call Steve 937-5010
Jun 01	Bass Tournament* - Call Steve 937-5010		Bass Tournaments are 7:00 to 11:15 am
Jun 08	Lake Wide Garage Sales		
Jul 06	Ski Show - Theme: Your favorite sports Team Fireworks if enough donations are received		
Aug 03	Annual Meeting 10:00 am in Pavilion		
Aug 24	Lake Wide Garage Sale		

Winfield Township board meetings - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at our Township Hall.

## **Work Project:**

Doug Ringler is organizing a work day on the weekend of May 11 to re-shingle the storage building on Apache Trail and needs volunteers to help accomplish this task. Volunteers are requested to call him at 937-4198 to sign up.

## **Vice President's report:**

### Docks

Members that have docks in the common areas must remember to pay their annual assessments by April 1. That will insure that they can keep their current dock and dock location. Members with docks in the common areas could lose their dock and/or their current dock location if their annual assessments are not received on time.

### Trash

Ice fisherman have noticed a lot of trash left on the lake by other ice-fisherman. Members are encouraged to help maintain the ice as well as open water free of trash. Also lake members are responsible for guests they bring to the lake.

Renters - reminder to LSA members when they rent out their Indian Lake property.

Only owners may use common properties as defined in the Covenants and Restrictions. Conversely, renters may not use these common properties. Renters of lots in the association can access the lake by means other than common properties; however, Winfield Township has enacted an anti-funneling ordinance that would, in effect, prohibit member lakefront owners from giving non-owners access to our lake across their property.

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