

Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association

P.O. Box 63

Howard City Mi. 49329

October 2009



www.indianlakes.org

Fall is Here!



Our goal is to make our lake a clean, fun and safe environment. We welcome any additional help and assistance.

HALLOWEEN:

Halloween is October 31 and it falls on Saturday this year! We have listed some friendly reminders and safety tips for everyone:

Never go to a home without a porch light on.

Carry a flashlight.

Wear something that is reflective or lighted. The glow stick bracelets are great.

Don't eat any candy until an adult checks it.

Be respectful of your neighbor's property.

All drivers go slowly. Watch for all the kids.

Let's have a fun and safe night!

Pavilion:

The epoxy finish to the cement floor has been finished. Again, beginning January 1, 2009, there was a \$50 rental fee for the use of the pavilion based on the member vote at the annual meeting in August 2008. **You will not be able to rent the pavilion unless your dues are current.**



The pavilion can be reserved for your personal event by contacting Tammy Williams at 231 629-1877.

Road Budget:

The road budget will be reviewed in the spring by Winfield Board. Although the budget is tight, we will ask for appropriations based on recommendations from Montcalm County Road Commission.



Dogs:

I am sure by now that everyone is tired of hearing about dogs in the newsletter; however, the Board is still receiving complaints with dogs running loose, chasing people when walking down the street, and biting. So, we still need to educate members with regards to their dogs and cats. In every issue of the Smoke Signals since September 2004 we have reiterated the problems of dogs on the lake. The problems have ranged from biting, barking and property damage. Please remember to keep your animals under control and confined to your property. As a reminder, all dogs must be on a leash when walking around the lake and especially at the parks.

Fish:



The Board has planted \$3,000 worth of fish, Black Crappie, Perch, silver Catfish, and Feeder Fish. Mike Moody will be overseeing the fish stocking this coming year.

Ice Fishing:

Ice fisherman need to display their name & address on their shanties. If not, they can be removed from the lake.

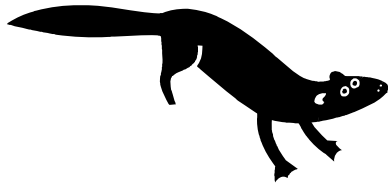
Snowmobilers & ATV'S:

Please do not cut through people's yards to access the Lake in the winter



Fireworks:

The fireworks were spectacular as usual, and our cost was \$6,000.00 dollars for this years show. Please continue to send in your donations. **Remember it is your donations that fund the fireworks.**



Musk rats:

If you are having any problems with muskrats Dave Gould will trap muskrats for free. Just call him at 231-519-2208.



Dumpsters:

There will be yard waste dumpsters (no rubbish) the last week of October for 2 weeks.
No plastic or liquids - only yard waste.



Weeds:

Sonar treatment in 2010 to lake.

We will continue the recommended weed treatment through our representatives for the DEQ.

Next year we are expecting a complete weed kill treatment of the lake. The estimated cost is between 30,000 and 40,000 dollars.

Sheds:

If you are planning on adding a shed to your property you will need to contact Dave Kelsey the zoning administrator for Winfield Township at 989-289-2268 and John Westveer for the lake at 231-937-5280.

You are not allowed to have any sheds on vacant lots.

Dues: A Note from the Treasurer



It was another great year on the lake. Currently our cash in the bank is at 67,034.35 and our Accounts receivable is at 13,306.35. We are working very hard to collect past due accounts, including liens and legal action if necessary. It is very important to pay your dues by the April 1 deadline. The 2010 dues will be sent out in January, so there is plenty of time to get these paid on time.

Please remember to have these paid on time. Without paying your dues, we would not have all the necessities that we currently have; such as dumpster days, weed kill, maintaining parks, maintaining pavilion and bathrooms, and upgrading buildings and parks as needed.

We currently have **\$14,000** of member dues that are **over 90 days old and should have been paid last year or years prior**. We understand that times are difficult but the dues are \$150 annually. This breaks down to

\$12.30 per month/\$.41 cents per day. This is less than a case of beer, a carton of cigarettes, or a nice dinner. Everyone needs to play their part in making sure their dues are paid. It affects all members. We cannot have the beautiful lake or area we live without these dues. You know if you are delinquent. Please pay your dues immediately. By not paying these dues you are hurting your neighbors, friends, and even family members; not the Board.

Break-ins:



There have been numerous break-ins this past year to homes that were vacant or used seasonally. It appeared that the subjects breaking into these homes did so because there was not activity in or around the immediate area of the home. The driveways were not plowed. No lights on a timer. Decks and sidewalk areas were snow covered. If you are a seasonal member, you may want to consider having your driveways plowed and sidewalks cleared to help deter these criminals. Timers on your lights also help.

Please pay attention to vehicles in the area that do not belong here. Watch for people walking around property that do not reside at that residence. We need to patrol our own neighborhoods. If you have any concerns or problems, please call Tammy Williams at 231-629-1877 or Jim Radford at 630-730-4436

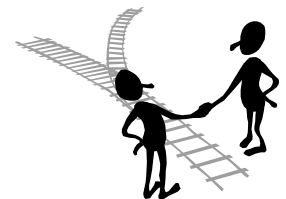
If you are interested in surveillance equipment or security cameras to protect your property, call Tom Kropewnicki at 231-937-9973 or 616-291-7854.

Neighborhood Watch:

The plan for the winter is "Neighborhood watch" We have looked into additional police protection and it becomes expensive quickly. We will go that route if we feel it is necessary to prevent further vandalism or break ins. Please report any suspicious behavior to the Montcalm County Sherriff or the State Police in Lakeview. It would be a good idea to keep your drive way plowed even if you are not living there in the winter. This is a sure indication you are not occupying your home at the moment.

Please Welcome our New Members:

Dave Dejoung (If you have not received your new Welcome Packet, please contact Ron Vierheilg at 231-937-5525.)



Also, lake members, if you know of any new members that have not been contacted by the Board, please call Ron Vierheilg at 231-937-5525.

Central Office:

Dave Van Dam and Tammy Williams are in the process of having a central office for the lake at the pump house, where people can pay their dues, get info, boat stickers and all. We are doing this instead of doing this out of our homes. Should be ready just in time for spring fever!

Marine Patrol:

EVERY boat must be registered with the state on public or private lakes. Everyone that attended the annual meeting all agreed we want the marine patrol out on our lake. 30 people were in attendance.

Did you know?

That you can also access this same newsletter on our website @ www.indianlakes.org
And would prefer that you do so. We would like to phase out the mailing of the newsletter altogether because of the cost involved. We print out 525 copies & with stamps, envelopes & the printing of the newsletter the cost is approx. \$500.00 for each time the newsletter goes out.

Volunteers:

We want to give a very special thanks to our volunteers who have given of their time & talents to make things better around our lake!

Thank you to:

Dan and Nick Swanson: Buoys, basketball court
Jerry Carlson: upkeep of t-p island
Glen Tobias: cement and pipe clean up
Tadd Woodard: new wrap on tee-pee
Bob Penland: supplied wrap for tee-pee
Jack Frazier: solar lights on t-pee island
Kevin Wagner: donated pvc pipe for solar lights
Brian Cheek :brush cleanup
Brian Bliss: brush cutting
Al Godley: parts and tools for bulletin board repair
Ken Kool; use of equipment
Mitch Crites: swim buoys/brush removal
Craig/Jane Einberger: repairs on picnic tables
Mike Workman and Sons: Parts for spring animals for parks
Doug Ringler: spring animal repairs
Kieth Alexis: Ski show AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!
Dave VanDam: fenced in the pavilion park and the tall oaks park
John Westveer
Mike Piskun: Neighborhood watch
Judy Machelski: Neighborhood watch
Karen Brimmer: help with boat parade
Hunter Brimmer: weed removal from parks
Taylor Brimmer: bath house opening/closing
Rachel Brimmer: bath house
Tayton Connick: weed removal swim area
Mike Moody: fish tourneys/fish scale
Matt Zudweg and Family: Signs for the lake
Steve and Deb Lane: Use of utility trailer
Merle Walker and Family
Southwell Family
Moff Family
Doug Houltvuler: Barricades at Pow-wow point
Steve Pritchard
Wayne Williams

Thanks too all of you!!! It's greatly appreciated.

Reminder:

When signs are posted for Parties, Garage sales etc., please take them down the day the event is done.

A BIG THANK YOU to Ray Brimmer for his hard work and devotion to this lake....to the members. And all the time he put into making this a GREAT place for all of us members to enjoy. Thanks also for you're **OUTSTANDING** efforts and always going above and beyond for Indian Lakes.... We have repositioned some people on the board. There are some newly appointed board members. Some of which were former members in addition to adding Mike Moody and Dave Van Dam. We feel we should be able to adequately represent the people of Indian Lake. Thank you everyone for your support!

BOARD MEMBERS:

President – Jim Radford	630-730-4436
Vice President – Mike Moody	231-937-6338
Treasurer – Paul Church	231-937-8353
Secretary – Tammy Williams	231-937-6409 or 231-629-1877
Trustee – Dave Van Dam	231-937-4170

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Lorie Collier	616-855-4160
Lori Kropewnicki	231-937-9973

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

Ron Vierheilig	231-937-5525
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BUILDING COMMITTEE:

John & Shirley Westveer	231-937-5280
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LAW ENFORCEMENT NUMBERS:

DNR – Vicki Goss – 616-225-3414
Poaching – 800-292-7800
Animal Control – 989-831-7355
Injured Animals – John Muste – 231-937-4687
Drain Commission – Don Cooper - 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.

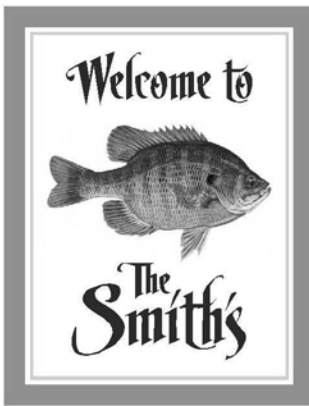


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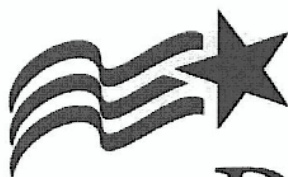
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