

# Smoke Signals

Lakeshores Association  
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## *Summer is Here!*

Summer is here and children are out of School. Please drive carefully.

**Remember, now that Arbogast is paved you need to pay attention to your speed.**

### **PUMPS:**

A new test well was drilled on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the pavilion. We hit very good water. The Drain Commissioner is waiting for two bids to arrive so that we can begin the process of the new well. It will be a submersible pump for those members who had concerns about “noise.”

### **WEED KILL:**

Professional Lake Management has been doing a great job this year on the weed kill. They treated our lake in May and also did an algae treatment on June 21<sup>st</sup> to make the lake nice for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Professional Lake Management treated our lake again on July 12<sup>th</sup> and they will be back in August for one last treatment this year. The cost for weed control this year will be \$25,000.

Next year the cost is estimated at \$36,000 to \$40,000. This is due to the fact that we will need Sonar treatment once again, especially to eliminate milfoil.

Jason from Professional Lake Management will be at the Annual Meeting to explain about further Sonar treatment and how they plan on managing weed control versus just treating the weeds.

## **STUMPS:**

The evaluation of our stumps determined it would not be cost effective to have Canadian Lakes cut our stumps. The stumps have already been cut flush.

The Board originally removed all the jugs and replaced the jugs with big yellow buoys to mark the stump locations. Now, due to the water level being down seven inches more members are marking the stumps with jugs. The Board is out of buoys this year. **DO NOT REMOVE THE BUOYS. THEY ARE EXPENSIVE.**

## **BUDGET:**

**Attached is the Lake Association Budget of 2005 for your review.**

## **SUMMER EVENTS:**

**Aug 6**            Lake Wide Garage Sales  
**Aug 13**          Annual Meeting - Chili Cook off - and - Pot Luck  
**Sept 3**           Bass Tournament

We need volunteers for the volleyball tournament. This event will now be held the same day as the Annual Meeting, which is August 13, 2005. We need a volunteer to head up this event. Please contact Steve Pritchard at 231-937-5010 to volunteer. If there are no volunteers, there will be no tournament.

## **BASS TOURNAMENT:**

Again, please contact Mike Moody for details or questions at 231-937-6338.

## **BOAT STICKERS:**

Please remember if you have not received your boat sticker(s) contact Tammy Williams, Ray Brimmer, or Steve Pritchard.

## **DOGS:**

There have been numerous complaints of dogs running loose, uncontrollable barking, and **dog attacks on people as well as other dogs.**

**YOU MUST KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEASH or RUN AT ALL TIMES unless the dog is contained in a fenced area. THIS IS MICHIGAN LAW.**

## **VANDALISM:**

There have been numerous incidents of vandalism with people putting picnic tables in the lake; writing graffiti on the picnic tables, buildings, port-a-johns, playground equipment and numerous other areas. There have also been people putting their **FECES** all over the walls, toilet, sink, and entry ways of the bathhouse. There have been dirty diapers stuffed into the toilets.

**THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.**

## **Bulletin Board:**

We now have a safe, designated area for you to view the bulletin board.

### **ANNUAL MEETING ---- AUGUST 13, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.**

#### **10:00 A.M. Annual Meeting – Held at the Pavilion**

Officers Report and Goals

Guest Speakers

Recognize Volunteers

Election Results

Public Comment

#### **1:00 P.M. Volleyball Tournament – Held at Cedarpoint Park**

#### **3:00 P.M. Chili Cook-Off & Potluck – Held at the Pavilion**

The chili cook-off is to raise funds for the Pavilion. There is a \$10 entry fee for all chefs.

Bring a dish to pass for the potluck and money for your 50/50 tickets.

### **WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:**

If you know of anyone who has recently moved to the lake, please notify or have the new members notify one of the below listed members in order to receive their “Welcome Packet.”

Judy Ockerman – 231-937-9395 John or Lorie Collier - 616-498-0463

### **ROAD COMMITTEE:**

Arbogast has been paved and all members need to say a special thanks to “Steve Pritchard” for lobbying at the Township meeting to have the road paved all the way to Blackfoot Trail versus stopping at Winona as originally intended by the Township.

Due to the fact that we have had some ORVs causing problems, the Michigan ORV laws have had to be enforced. Members are calling and making complaints.

**Please see the attached sheet of Michigan ORV laws.**

### **WLAV KID’S FISHING DAY:**

Thank you to all the volunteers for making it a fun day on the lake for the kids!

Please go to [www.wlav.com](http://www.wlav.com) to see the pictures!!!!

## **BOATING RULES:**

We must again bring to your attention the Michigan State Laws on Boating.

All motorized watercrafts must:

1. Go Counterclockwise
2. Stay 100 feet from docks and other boats.
3. Must have spotters when towing skiers /tubers
4. Obey "NO WAKE" areas.
5. Our "NO WAKE" hours are 8:30pm to 11:00am.

Safe Boating!

## **SEPTIC TANKS:**

Please contact Scott Brooks at 937-5646 to get in on a lake wide deal for pumping your septic tanks.

## **SPECIAL ASSESMENTS FOR ROADS:**

Lake members have been tossing the idea around of the possibility of a special assessment to get our lake roads repaired.

As you realize, State Revenue Sharing is dwindling at approximately 15% per year and our Township has already lost \$60,000 the past year.

To the best of my knowledge, here is how it works:

We would need 51% of lake residents to sign a petition asking for a special assessment before any further proceedings could take place. The law does not require a petition to move ahead, however, it demonstrates public support. The petition would then be filed with the Township and the Township would hold a special hearing to listen to any objections. After this hearing, the Township Board will make a decision to proceed or stop with the special assessment.

If the Township makes a decision to proceed, by resolution, they may petition the Board of County Road Commissioners to initiate the procedure. The county will provide an estimate and propose a cost over ten years or less. This proposal will be mailed to each resident within the special assessment district for review. The project may be stopped with a 51% counter petition. Due to a low response to the survey question on our website, the lake Road Committee will be going door-to-door with a petition.

Steve Pritchard  
President

**SIGNS:**

It states in our covenants the following:

*“No sign or any kind of advertising device shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except as approved by the Association in writing”*

The realty board has been moved for better access to realty information.

**Please do not put any sign in front of our lake entrance sign; there are four posts for your use.**

**TEE-PEE ISLAND:**

Everybody, please say thank you to John and Lorie Collier for reapplying the new canvas on the tee-pee and also say thanks to Steve Pritchard for purchasing the canvas.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

President – Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
Vice President – Joe Lake	231-937-6195
Treasurer – Paul Church	231-937-8353
Secretary – Tammy Williams	231-937-6762
Trustee – Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946

**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:**

Judy Ockerman	231-937-9395
John & Lorie Collier	616-498-0463

**LAKES & STREAMS COMMITTEE:**

Tom Kropewnicki	231-937-9973
Richard Woodruff	616-874-5707