

LAKE SHORES ASSOCIATION

Lake Shore Association

Box 63, Howard City, MI 49329

March 2004

Spring is Finally Here!!!!

REMINDER – CALENDAR of



EVENTS:

- May 1 Park Cleanup
- May 8 Lakeside Cleanup
- May 15 Children’s Spring Egg Hunt at 2:00 P.M.
- June 5 Garage Sale
- June 5 Bass Tournament
- June 12 Kid’s Fishing Day with WLAV FM & Tony Gates
- June 19 Building the Berm Walkway – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- July 3 Fourth of July Celebration
- August 7 Garage Sale
- August 14 Annual Meeting 10:00 A.M. followed by a Pig Roast & Potluck

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:



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- Park Cleanup
- Bass Tournament
- Children’s Spring Egg Hunt
- July Fourth Celebration

- Call Steve Pritchard 231-937-5010
- Call Mike Moody 231-937-6338
- Call Tammy Williams 231-937-6762 (Donations also
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DUES: Reminder – Please remember to pay your dues. They are due April 2004.



FIREWORKS: Any donations towards the 4th of July fireworks is greatly appreciated. Please forward with your lake association dues or mail to Lake Association, PO BOX 63, Howard City, MI 49329. We would also like to mention that the firework show has gotten more expensive and is more regulated since 9-11.

FISH COMMITTEE:



The Fish Committee meeting is scheduled in the month of April to discuss stocking the lake with fish. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, or comments, please call Steve Pritchard at 231-937-5010.

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Please see the attached article relating to the **Redear Sunfish**. The Redear Sunfish have earned the nickname "Shellcrackers" due to their appetite for eating snails.

Please remember to "**CATCH and RELEASE**" the Redear Sunfish for another two to three years. This will allow the fish to grow, multiply, and continue to eat the snails in the lake which has been a problem for the past few years.

LAKE LEVEL:

The lake level is currently four inches from overflow and six inches from court level. Court level is the term for the "normal level" of the lake.



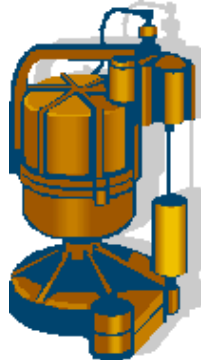
PIEZOMETERS:



The piezometers that were discussed in the last newsletter have been put in place around the lake to monitor the water flow through the sand.

PUMPS:

Steve Pritchard, John Westveer, and Don Cooper met with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber Engineering Group and it was determined that neither well will be able to pump at maximum capacity due to a buildup underground and around the filter that encases the pump.



1. Pump #1 will not have any work performed at this time. It is presently pumping at 500 gallons per minute.
2. Pump #2 – the back pump – will have a smaller pump inserted into the newly refurbished well. It will also be pumping at 500 gallons per minute.
3. It is imperative that both pumps and wells have a maintenance program to maintain maximum efficiency and longevity. This will be put in place and was recommended by the engineering group.
4. It was determined that the pump was damaged by drawing in air. **Remember – DO NOT TOUCH THE PUMPS.** Any unsupervised small adjustment of the wheel **will cause damage resulting in costs that could rise to \$93,000 if a new pump needs to be installed.**

5. Due to the fact that each pump will only be able to pump at 500 gallons per minute, it is necessary to install a **third pump**. This will not occur until next year due to funding.

BERM WALKWAY:

The berm walkway project has been put on hold until certain property issues can be resolved.



WEED KILL:

Due to State budget cuts and the ever-rising costs of the economy, we will see an increase for the weed kill and **permit/fee**. The permit/fee has been significantly increased this year.



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PAVILION RENOVATION:

Dave VanDam will be spearheading the pavilion renovation project. This year, due to funding, we will be finishing off the pavilion with a warming kitchen only and a bathroom. Future expansion will occur in the years to come.

Anyone with electrical, plumbing, and/or HVAC experience and **willing to donate their time**, please contact Dave VanDam at 231-937-4170.

In the future, the Newsletter Committee will attempt to establish various fundraisers to assist in making our community a more beautiful and enjoyable place to live.

TEEPEE ISLAND:

It has been suggested by many members of the lake that it would be nice to have Teepee Island spruced up. Some suggestions were to paint the teepee, pull weeds, and install posts to tie your boat up to for easy access and safety. **With little effort, donations, and volunteers this can be accomplished in a day.**

Contact: Tammy Williams 231-937-6762 with any ideas to revamp Teepee Island. **Volunteers are also needed.**

BYLAWS:

The Lake Association attorney reviewed the bylaws and suggested to the Board that they be rewritten and updated. The attorney has completed the revision and the Board met for final proof of the bylaws. After this meeting, Steve Pritchard met with the attorney to discuss the subject in further detail.

All members will soon be receiving a copy of the proposed bylaws for review. This will be in the near future, however, is dependent upon the lawyer's revision time.

NEWSLETTER COST:

The newsletter committee is more than willing to provide a newsletter every-other-month; however, due to postage and printing costs it would be more cost efficient for the association to have as many members as possible go to the lake association website and receive their newsletter in lieu of mailing. The website is www.indianlakes.org.

Beginning March 30, 2004, and every other month thereafter, the newsletter will be available on the website by the 30th of that particular month for your review.

Contact Lori Kropewnicki at 231-937-9973 or Tammy Williams at 231-937-6762 if you are willing to receive your newsletter utilizing the website in an effort to reduce cost.

We will then remove your name from the newsletter mailing list.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD:**

After attending numerous township board meetings it has become apparent to many members that our lake association must have representation at our local level of government. Because of this our President, Steve Pritchard, is going to step up to the challenge and run for Trustee. Steve feels a voice on the Township Board will allow him to be a more productive and informed President for our lake association and all its members.





Steve's new position, if voted on the Township Board, will not interfere with his current role of President but will only enhance his position.

The more voices we have from our lake association on the Township Board is for the better. Any members interested in running for the Township Board, please talk with Steve at 231-937-5010 and he will provide additional information. There is more than one position available.

Remember, the more lake association members we have on the Township Board can only improve our lake community.



A THANK YOU:

Vice President, Doug Cooke, has requested that the newsletter mention a very special thank you to the other board members for welcoming him to the board and for being very informative, helpful, and knowledgeable. Doug also wanted the members to be made aware of the great job that Steve Pritchard is doing as president and that all members will only see improvement in our community with the current board.

DAVIES TRASH PICKUP:



Davies has provided a quote to the lake members for trash pickup on **Mondays** if enough members are interested.

The cost is \$12 per month for curb service and \$13 per month a 90-gallon container.

If interested, please call Davies at 616-887-9155. What a great deal for **Monday pickup**. Mondays are a great day for trash pickup, especially after the weekend throughout the warm weather.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS:



We live on the lake for its atmosphere, fishing, boating, and even more importantly, the upbeat attitudes and congeniality of our neighbors. Our community consists of people with various personalities and styles; however, we still have some things in common, enjoying family, friends, and neighbors.

As neighbors and friends we should not only enjoy each other but help each other when life is not going so well. When we know of someone that is having medical problems or hardships, regardless of our differences, we need to reach out and help. This is what makes a good and decent neighbor and what will ultimately make our community stand out above the rest.

If you need assistance or know any one that does, please contact Lori at 231-937-9973. We can arrange for a ride, meal, lawn work, buying groceries, or other tasks that may be needed.

CLASSIFIED ADS:**Pontoon Trailer:**

A pontoon trailer is available for anyone who needs their boat put in the water and taken out of the water at the end of the season:

Contact: Tom – 231-937-9973
Charge: \$25 for putting the boat in and out of the water for the season
 \$15 for one way



If anyone has an ad they would like to have placed in the newsletter, please call a member of the newsletter committee. The members and their telephone numbers are listed on the last page.

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**BOARD MEMBERS:
COMMITTEE:****NEWSLETTER**

President – Steve Pritchard 231-937-5010
 231-937-6762
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Tammy Williams
 Lori Kropewnicki
 Nancy Bradley
 Sherrie Gerrits
 Lorie Collier

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE:
COMMITTEE:****LAKES & STREAMS**

John & Lorie Collier 231-937-4915
 231-937-9973

Tom Kropewnicki

AGAIN, PLEASE REMEMBER to vote for STEVE PRITCHARD as TRUSTEE on the Winfield Township Board.

SMOKE SIGNALS

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