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LAKE SHORES ASSOCIATION • BOX 63 • HOWARD CITY, MI 49329 • APRIL 1999

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### ***Spring Meeting***

May 29, 1999 at 10:00 am, Tall Pines Park (Abbott Pavilion). Come help determine the goals for the summer.

### ***Boat Stickers***

Boat stickers, we want to have a fun, safe boating season for lake members. The last page of the smoke signals contains a boat sticker registration form. These must be filled out for each boat (because they are filed by the sticker number). Please feel free to have copies made. We can not just hand you a sticker. How then can we insure that the stickers are applied to member's boats? How can we stop non-members from using the lake without everyone getting the new BLACK sticker? We are implementing the following plan, you can 1.) Bring your boat(s) to one of the volunteers (Dave VanDam, Kathleen Thompson, or Mr. Chisolm) or 2.) You can drop off your application to these individuals and they will bring the stickers to you and apply them personally. PLEASE DO THIS SOON.

We plan on inviting the marine patrol on the lake for at least 3 weekends to help us enforce State Laws. Remember, without the sticker we will have to assume that you are trespassing. There will be a mass sticker sign up day on SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1999, after the Spring Meeting at Tall Pines Park Pavilion. Please let's get as many people registered as possible.

### ***Warrior Island (Teepee Island)***

We have saved the island with a sea wall but it needs to be backfilled. A number of volunteers started this project in December and placed enough sand behind the new seawall to help maintain its integrity when the ice started to melt and move. We owe the

following people a HUGE THANK YOU: John and Scott Brooks; Garry and Kathy Thompson; Tom Boss for freezing their bodies for 5 hours; A special thanks to Dave VanDam for allowing us to use his pump; Mr. Westerveer and Mr. VanDam for getting the old pontoon in service; Tim Smith and Stan Chase for letting us use their insulated waders.

We hope we didn't forget anyone (Our apologies if we did). We are going to wait for warmer weather and will rent the big pump again so we can finish the backfill and make the island a more useable and enjoyable park. We will try to complete this project when the weather warms.

### ***Dues Reminder***

Dues were due April 1. The problem is that some people have not reported the sale of their property. Dues reminders will be going out soon. So please, talk to your new neighbors and introduce them to the Lake Shores Association. Give them your copy of the phone list so they can call so that we can get them registered. We want to avoid unnecessary liens and paperwork.

We will start the liening process in June so pay up. Also, remember that fireworks can only be purchased with donations so please be generous.

Please call Terry Veneklause with Property Changes and dues questions at 937-6251.

### ***Fourth of July Celebration***

Again this year we will have a: Boat Parade (theme is cartoons), Volleyball Tournament, Ski Show, Fireworks.

Plan ahead. These events will take place on Saturday, July 3. As always, if the weather prevents the festivities, we plan an alternate date, Sunday, July 4.

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recently moved here permanently. I have an extensive background in computer technology and have been assisting the board in upgrading both the hardware and software of the current computer. I am interested in prolonging the well being of the lake and to help where I can. Many of you know me already. I'm the person that flies the big yellow RC plane off the lake.

• My name is Mike Moody. My wife, Debbie, and I have lived on the lake at West Suwanee Trail for the past six years. We have 3 children; 2 are grown up now and our youngest is still attending school in the Tri-County System. Prior to us moving here, I had never fished this body of water, but after the first time out – I knew I was hooked! I am an avid fisherman and I fish many tournaments through the spring, summer and fall. I have had the opportunity to see and fish many lakes throughout our state and I can easily say that our lake is one of the greatest! I would like to be on the board and work hard to maintain and improve the excellent fishery we have.

• Kathleen (Boss) Thompson

I have served on the board for 2 years, one with the old board headed by Tim Slavens and one with the current board headed by Brian Vincent. Currently I hold the position of Secretary, specifically Smoke Signals.

My husband, Garry, and I live on West Suwanee Trail. I lived on the lake for 25 years. I used to mow parks, pull stumps, clean boathouses etc. when I was a teenager. It bothers me horribly when I see the parks in such poor shape.

We have lots of plans, but I too get frustrated with the lack of action that the board has taken for the last four or five years. I want to get things DONE. I know we can't pay for everything so I hope that we can work together to enlist our neighbors to accomplish something!

We initiated the boat parades again and even ran a volleyball tournament on the 4th weekend. We've used the money made from the tournament to supply a competition net for Cedar Point Park. We got the seawall built on Warrior Island. We even have gotten away from hiring a lawn company and are going to do the work "ourselves". Please support the lake improvements and help get the momentum rolling.

• Hello, my name is Terry Veneklas. My family and I have lived at Indian Lakes for seven years now. We love living on the lake and have developed many special friendships. I am currently the Vice President of the board. The board has started some projects that I would like the opportunity to see through in the coming year. I would like to continue to serve on the lake board and work towards improving the community at Indian Lake. Thank you.

• Dear Association Members:

My wife, Kathie, and I have spent summers on the lake for nearly seven years. We have been married for almost 15 years, and find this to be a tremendous family experience for our three children. I want to preserve the lake, and to become involved and help the Association and that is why I am running for the Executive Board.

I am the Managing Partner at

the law firm of DeGroot, Keller, Vincent & Almassian, PLC, in Grand Rapids. I have been an attorney for approximately seventeen years. In addition to being in charge of operating the law firm, I manage my own trial practice in the areas of business consultation, personal injury, and divorce.

In terms of experience, I have served six years on the Western Michigan Better Business Board of Directors, including a year term, as the Chairman of that Board of Directors. I was the recipient of the Arbitrator of the Year Award, for service with the Better Business Bureau.

Currently I am serving as Chairperson of the Attorney Grievance Commission, by appointment of the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. I also serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Children's Law Center, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to benefit and represent underprivileged children.

My concerns include the roads, weed kill, fish planting, and boat launch. I would like to continue my work on the Board in an effort to preserve the beauty and family benefits Indian Lakes has to offer. My wife and I love the lake and plan to stay for years to come.

I would appreciate the opportunity to help, and I would appreciate very much your vote.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Vincent

### ***Burn Permits***

You need a burn permit, they are free. All you need to do is call Daye Knox, 762-4403, Amble Fire Dept. Chief (also looking for new volunteers).

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LAKE WIDE YARD SALE THE  
FIRST SATURDAY IN JUNE.  
MAKE NOTE!!!

### ***Park Maintenance***

Scott Brooks is in charge of park maintenance and park improvements. In the past everything was contracted out to lawn companies, who didn't always do what they promised. Our goal is to IMPROVE the parks, get them up to the standards we deserve and expect, We will be doing this by hiring teenagers to work in conjunction with volunteers to help with the mowing. Our tractor is being repaired. The teenagers will be doing the painting, weeding, and anything else that needs to be done. If you have any suggestions or requests please contact Scott, and Thank you to Scott Brooks, John Brooks, Jim Cox, Dave VanDam, and Al Godley for already agreeing to help out.

### ***Dogs***

Remember dogs have to be leashed and can not run free. We have some local roamers. Please, if you love your dog and respect your neighbors, chain them up and help prevent a potential tragedy.

### ***Garbage Yards***

You don't want to live next to a pigsty. You don't want someone else's trash blowing in your yard. You live in a paradise for a reason. Treat your neighbors the way you want to be treated, keep your lawns clean and well groomed and your neighbors will do the same. Remember there are ordinances which apply (no dead cars, lawns must be installed within a reasonable amount of time, and maintained, etc.) but we would

much rather rely on the acts and deeds of good residents, friends and neighbors.

### ***Help-Writer Needed***

We need someone to help rewrite the building rules and regulations so they are more easily understood. (We want to make a 2-3 page brochure type pamphlet that can be handed out with the building permits.) The current zoning ordinance booklet is difficult to read at best. If you could be of assistance please contact John Westveer (937-5280) or Kathleen Thompson (937-6009 or Kathomps@pathwaynet.com). We know more construction than ever will soon be underway soon. If we have to share paradise lets make sure everyone complies and make it as easy as possible for everyone.

### ***Pig Roast/Annual Meeting*** Tentative Date: Saturday, July 31. Meeting at 10 am.

Potluck or Pig Roast afternoon/evening. We need a volunteer to help coordinate the celebration. Maybe we can even have music or a DJ – lets first find a coordinator. If you can help with the celebration please contact Brian Vincent. Remember this when the new board will take over.

### ***Website***

There has to be a computer genius on the lake. Is a website something we should have? If this is your area of expertise please contact the board and give us a lesson.

### ***Résumés***

There are 5 board member positions, President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and two Trustees.

Following are 6 résumés, three incumbents and three new candidates. Please complete the ballot and mail in ASAP.

• Hi, Lakeside Association Members. My wife, Shannon, and I moved to the lake in the summer of '97. We have two children Cody, age 6, and Zachary 1½ years old.

I work as an N.C. Laser Specialist for Steelcase and have been there for 5 years. I also work for the city of Ewart as a reserve police officer. Prior to this I worked as an autobody repair technician.

My reasons for running for the board are:

1. It is hard for people to be involved for projects on Saturday if they don't know about them until Friday. I would like to see our communication greatly improved.

2. The people on the lake pay one third of the taxes in the township and our roads are the worst in the township. I would like to see the board attend some township meetings to see what we can do about this problem.

3. The preservation of our lake. To make sure that we do the right things for our lake, this does not always mean the easiest but to do what's best for us.

4. I believe that with my mechanical and carpentry skills I would be a valued asset to our lake.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to run and be involved in our community.

Thanks again,

Yours truly,

Lee E. Butler

17113 Winona Lane

• My name is Paul Church and I am running for the position for the board as treasurer. I've owned property here for over 17 years and just

# BOAT REGISTRATION FORM

((PRINT CLEARLY))

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LOT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MC# \_\_\_\_\_

LAKE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ BOAT STICKER NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TRAILER LICENSE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ TRAILER STICKER NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

LAKE PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BOAT MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BOAT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT CATEGORY: (circle one) POWER, PONTOON, ROW, SAIL, JET SKI,

PADDLE, CANOE, WIND SURFER or \_\_\_\_\_

OLD STICKER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**CUT AND RETURN BALLOT ASAP – SAVE PHONE NUMBERS**

## Lake Shores Association Phone List

Brian Vincent (President)  
W: 459-6251

Terry Veneklase (Dues/Bookkeeping)  
H: 937-6251

Scott Brooks (Parks)  
H: 937-5646

Kathleen Thompson (Smoke Signals)  
937-6009

Montcalm County Sheriff  
Non Emergency Number  
800-632-8992

Dave Knox (Burn Permits)  
762-4403

## BALLOT

(Vote for only 5.)

Butler, Lee

Church, Paul

Moody, Michael

Thompson, Kathleen

Veneklase, Terry

Vincent, Brian