

LAKE SHORES ASSOCIATION • BOX 63 • HOWARD CITY, MI 49329 • MAY 1998



Spring Meeting!

The Spring Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 30** at Tall Pines Park (pavilion park).

Lake Wide Yard Sales

The Association will be advertising lake wide yard sales for **Saturday, June 6**. Plan ahead. One man's junk is another man's treasure. Does your garage need cleaning?

New Owners

Remember, membership to the Lake Association is a requirement. Property is changing ownership so quickly that it is hard to keep the records straight. Please help us by notifying us of any sale and by spreading the word to your new neighbors.

Secretary/Treasurer Resigns

Gerry Firovich resigned without notice shortly before the March mailing. Amy Veneklase has been appointed to fill the position until Gerry's term runs out this July. She has deciphered the computer and everything is running smoothly. We apologize for the absent Smoke Signal. Thank you very much Amy.

Boat Stickers Are Required

We have new Boat Stickers. See Robert Chisolm, 17370 Thunderbay Drive, 616-937-5441

Letter from the President...

To All LAKE SHORES ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:

For the last four years I and the other volunteer board members of this association have tried to do our best to manage and improve our community. It is my opinion that the board has made improvements and a positive impact within our lake community. Four years ago when I decided to become involved with the management of the lake, this association was in turmoil and in the middle of a law suit. There certainly was not a line up of members wanting to become part of the LSA board. The only motivation for my decision to become involved was to put something back into the community that has been my home for 23 years. Also to do what the board felt was in the best interest of the community in settling the turmoil within our association. To bring enjoyment, not law suits. It is also my opinion that for the most part we have been successful.

The present LSA Board **WILL NOT** be running for re-election this year. This notice is official and genuine. Once again, **TIM SLAVENS, DAVE SLAVENS, DON POSTMA**, and new secretary/treasurer **AMY VENEKLASE WILL NOT BE RUNNING FOR THE LSA BOARD.**

I, Tim Slavens, on behalf of the Board would like to thank all the members that have helped us on projects throughout our term. I would also like to thank all the members that supported us instead of complaining. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

In closing, I would hope there are good members (and I know there are) that will become involved in the management of our community. We are all responsible for protecting, improving and managing our home. I will gladly help a new board that wants to continue in the right direction.

Thank you once again
for all your support.

TIM SLAVENS

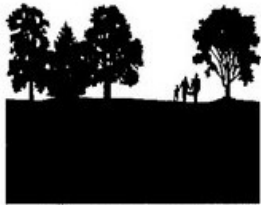


Fourth of July Nears

Again this year we are asking for donations to support the Fourth of July celebration. Last year's celebration was nothing short of awesome. The boat parade, the volleyball tournament, the ski show and the 50 minute fireworks spectacular made the weekend fun for all. The amount of shells is totally dependent on the donations received, so please be generous. It beats fighting the traffic. We will light up the sky on the 4th again this year. We are also considering a horseshoe tourney too (we need a volunteer to coordinate).

Docks need to be Labeled

Remember, if you have a dock at the park, your name has to be on it.



Parks Need Improvements

We have not spent money on the park's play equipment in years. We will be ordering swings to replace the vandalized ones soon. We will discuss at the spring meeting if we want to add any equipment (for example, Shady Oaks Park doesn't have a slide, etc.).

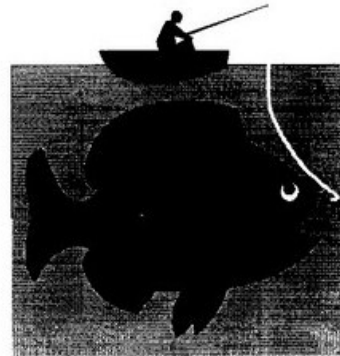
Boat Ramp Needs Leveling

The cement contractor will lift the slab into proper position, provided we have a crew there to shore it into permanent position. We will do this with blocks, rocks and sand.

Pay Your Dues!

Yes, it is that time of year again. You received your dues envelope in March. Dues are due by April 1. Your property can be liened after May 1st, so please return your envelope as soon as possible.

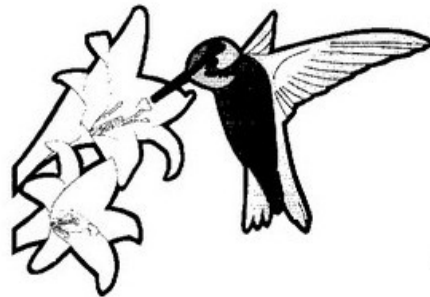
NOTES



The fish planting was done the first week in April. Perch, Hybrid Bluegills, Large Mouth Bass, Channel Cat and Fathead Minnows were released.

The weed kill will again be performed by Pinecrest Industries. We are well aware of the weed problem and are planning on a very aggressive weed kill this year.

The Winfield Township Board has contracted to pave the entrance and Apache Trail this summer.



Bird Watch

There are 100 plus black diving duck-like birds visiting our lake. They are coots. Enjoy. They will leave when the boats fire up.

We also have some sand hill cranes nesting in the swamp. You will hear their distinctive call.

No sign of the loons yet. Remember the loons are endangered. Don't harass them. Enjoy them from a distance.