

# Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association

P.O. Box 63

Howard City Mi. 49329

<http://www.indianlakes.org>

February 2010 - Winter Edition



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

## Pavilion:



The \$50 rental fee for the use of the pavilion was established based on the member vote at the annual meeting in August 2008. Dues must be current for members to be able to rent the pavilion. Also please note that fasteners such as tape, nails, and screws are not to be used to attach items to walls or windows.

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

## Prayer Request:

Please remember the Denny Stapleton and the Ketelaar families in your prayers. Both of these families have recently lost a loved one.

## Dogs:

By now everyone is probably tired of hearing about dogs in the newsletter; however, the Board is still receiving complaints with dogs running loose, chasing people who are 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 and barking to property damage. Please remember to keep your animals under control and



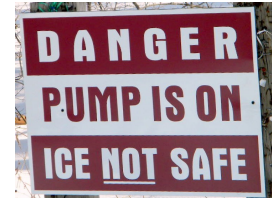
confined to your property. As a reminder, all dogs must be on a leash when walking around the lake and especially at the parks.

### **Fish:**

A decision on the planting of fish will be made at a future board meeting. But the board does encourage all fishermen to practice the custom of catch and release.

### **Ice Fishing:**

Ice fishermen need to display their name & address on their shanties. If not, they can be removed from the lake. The ice on our lake melts quite rapidly when the weather starts to warm up, so ice shanties obviously should not be left on the ice too long.



### **Snowmobilers & ATV'S:**

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

### **Fireworks:**

The fireworks last July were spectacular as usual, and our cost was \$6,000.00 dollars for that show. Please continue to send in your donations to Box 63, Howard City, or include them with your dues. **Remember it is your donations that fund the fireworks.**



The fireworks show this summer will be held on Saturday, July 3.



### **Muskrats:**

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) available for a short time again this spring starting April the 24<sup>th</sup>. These dumpsters will be located at the same two locations as last fall – Sandy Cove and Fun Cove parks. 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.

This summer we are expecting a complete weed kill treatment of the lake with an estimated cost between 30,000 and 40,000 dollars. The water will be tested in the last of week of April and treatments are expected to begin on May 3.



## **Building Regulations:**

Building regulations are spelled out in L.S.A. covenants, restrictions and township zoning ordinance. Numerous sheds are in violation and that violation will be addressed. All structures and alterations must get approval and/or permits from L.S.A. architectural board, township zoning administrator, and county building department. Reminder: You are not allowed to have any sheds on vacant lots.

The first step in this process is to phone John Westveer at 231-937-5280.

## **Dues:**

A Note from the Treasurer

It was another great year on the lake. Currently our cash in the bank is at 63,154.00 and our Accounts receivable is at 10,170.00. 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 have been sent out, so there is plenty of time to get these paid on time.

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Members with docks in the public areas will lose them if their dues are not paid by April 1.

## **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. Some examples are:

- 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. 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 Dave Van Dam at home at 937-4170 or on cell at 231-519-1099.

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:**

Please report any suspicious behavior to the Montcalm County Sheriff 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:**

If you are new to our community and have not received your new Welcome Packet, please contact Ron Vierheilig 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 Vierheilig at 231-937-5525.



### **Central Office:**

As the weather warms, the central office should be up and running. The Central Office will then be the location to pay dues, get boat stickers, etc. This will eliminate the need to go to board member homes for these purposes. Watch the bulletin board for more information and hours.

### **Marine Patrol:**

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

### **Did you know?**

You can access this newsletter on our website at [www.indianlakes.org](http://www.indianlakes.org) and it also can be delivered via e-mail. It would much less costly to phase out the mailing of the newsletter altogether, but all of our community members may not be able to receive e-mails. We currently print out 525 copies. Stamps, envelopes, and printing of the newsletter (in black and white) costs approximately \$500.00 each time the newsletter goes out. The final version of Smoke Signals (in Adobe pdf format – the same as the one on the website) could be batch e-mailed to those members who choose that option. When e-mails are sent with the BCC: process the recipients' e-mail addresses are not revealed. Those who would like Smoke Signals via e-mail can e-mail a note to [irwin8100@gmail.com](mailto:irwin8100@gmail.com) requesting that their newsletter be e-mailed to them – newsletters that are e-mailed will contain color.

FYI: Adobe Reader is a free download at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/?promoid=BUIGO>.

### **Reminder:**

When signs are posted for Parties, Garage sales etc., please take them down the day after the event is done. There are three posts at the entrance and one at the pavilion for your signs.

### **Board Members:**

		Home Phone	Cell
President	Dave Van Dam	231-937-4170	231-519-1099
Vice President	Mike Moody	231-937-6338	231-598-2184
Treasurer	Paul Church	231-937-8353	
Secretary	Tammy Williams		231-629-1877
Trustee	Jim Radford	231-349-1555	630-730-4436

Building Committee    John & Shirley Westveer    231-937-5280

### **Newsletter Committee:**

Tammy Williams	231-629-1877
Glenn Irwin	231-629-4797

### **Welcoming Committee:**

Ron Vierheilig 231-937-5525

### **Law Enforcement Numbers:**

DNR – Vicki Goss 616-225-3414

Poaching 800-292-7800

Animal Control 989-831-7355

Drain Commission – Don Cooper 989-225-7322

Road Commission 989-831-5285

Michigan State Police/Lakeview Post 989-352-8444

Montcalm County Sheriff 989-831-5253

Howard City Police 231-937-4311

Emergency 911

**Please attend the TOWNSHIP MEETINGS – They are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Winfield Township Hall. LET’S GET INVOLVED. It’s our community.**

**Consider Advertising in Smoke Signals. We still have room for you!!**

Contact a member or the newsletter committee if interested!

### **Calender of events for Spring and Summer 2010**

April 1 Resume deadline for Board Member candidates - send to P.O. Box 63, Howard City  
Date of annual Board Election to be scheduled at a later date.

April 24 Yard Waste dumpsters – Yard waste only!

June 5 Lake-wide yard sales

Bass Tourney 7:00am – 12:00 noon Call Mike Moody at 937-6338

June 12 Trash Dumpster

LAV kids fishing day contact Steve Pritchard at 937-5010 or Tammy at 231-629-1877

July 3 Saturday Ski Show 1:00 pm and Fireworks at dusk

July 4 Sunday Boat Parade 2:00 pm Theme: Wizard of Oz

August 7 **Annual Association Meeting 10:00 am at the Pavilion**

August 21 Lake wide yard sales

August 28 Bass Tourney 7:00 – 12:00 noon Call Mike at 937-6338

Reminder: Must have lake dues paid by April 1, 2010 – otherwise those who have dock space will lose their docks!!



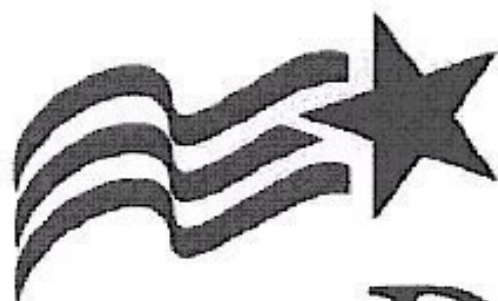


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