

Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association

P.O. Box 63
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Our goal is to make our lake a clean, fun and safe environment. We welcome any additional help and assistance.

LSA Board News:

Dave VanDam and Ken Kool are no longer on the LSA Board of Directors. We thank them for their service. Val Pritchard has volunteered to be Treasurer and Steve Pritchard has agreed to temporarily fill the role as President.

The monthly LSA Board meeting is scheduled for the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the pavilion.

Elections:

We seriously need people to run for election to serve on the LSA Board of Directors. If you wish to run for election to the board, please send your resume' to Lake Shores Association, P.O. Box 63, Howard City, Michigan 49329 early enough for the board to receive it before the April 1st deadline.

Pavilion:



The use of the pavilion is gaining in popularity. There is a \$50 rental fee for the use of the pavilion which was established based on the member vote at the annual meeting in August 2008. Dues must be current for members to 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.

Fish:

The board encourages all fishermen to practice the custom of catch and release.

Ice Fishing:

Ice fishermen need to display their names & addresses on their fishing 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. Ice fishermen also should watch for thin ice areas when the pumps are on! The DNR requires that all fish shanties be removed from the ice by Midnight on March 1.



A stocked walleye fry

Snowmobilers & ATVs:

Please do not cut through private property to access the lake in the winter. Be safe while you enjoy your activities on the ice!

Fireworks:

The fireworks last July were spectacular as usual, and our cost was \$6,000.00 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 Sunday, July 3.

Dumpsters:



There will be yard waste dumpsters (no rubbish, trees, plastic or liquids) available for a short time again this spring beginning May 14. These dumpsters will be located at the same two locations as last fall – Tall Oaks and Pawnee Points parks.

Weeds:

PLM – Lake & Land management Corporation will continue to provide aquatic management of our lake in 2011. The estimated budget for 2011 is between \$7,500 and \$15,000. **Please see page 6 for a comprehensive report from PLM.**

Building Regulations:

Building regulations are spelled out in LSA 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 LSA, 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 any building process is to contact the architectural committee.

Dues: Please have your dues paid by April 1st. This helps to get the new combination out to you before you launch your boat. Members with docks in the public areas will lose them if their dues are not paid by April 1st.

Please note the **important** statement from the board regarding dues on page 4!

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 no activity in or around the immediate area of the home. Some examples of signs of inactivity are:

- The driveways were not plowed.
- No lights on a timer.
- Decks and sidewalk areas were snow covered.



So, if you are a seasonal member, you may want to consider having your driveways plowed and sidewalks cleared to help deter these criminals.

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.

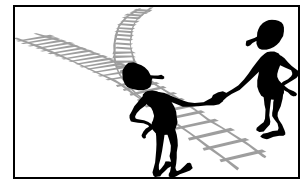
Neighborhood Watch:

Please report any suspicious behavior to the Montcalm County Sheriff, the State Police in Lakeview, Tammy Williams at 231-629-1877, or Steve Pritchard at home at 937-5010.



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, you can contact the police or one of the board members listed above.

If you are new to our community and have not received your new Welcome Packet or are a lake member who knows of new members that have not been contacted by the board, please contact Doug or Darlene Ringler at 231-937-5525.



Central Office:

If the sticker on your boat has faded, please pick up a fresh one from the office. The latest issue of Smoke Signals is also available at the office.

Marine Patrol:

EVERY boat must be registered with the state before being used on public or private lakes. Everyone that attended an annual meeting agreed that we want the marine patrol out on our lake.

Did you know?

You can access this newsletter on our website at 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 are not be able to receive e-mails. We currently print out over 450 copies. Stamps and the printing of the newsletter (in black and white) costs over \$500.00 each time the newsletter goes out. Smoke Signals could be 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 info@indianlakes.org requesting that their newsletter be e-mailed to them – newsletters that are e-mailed are in color. Did you know that Adobe Reader will even read Smoke Signals to you aloud?

The board at their October meeting voted to increase the number of issues of Smoke Signals from 3 to 4 times yearly. Two issues will be mailed and two issues will only be posted on our website and e-mailed to members

Calender of events for Spring and Summer 2011

- April 1 Resume' deadline for Board Member candidates - send to P.O. Box 63, Howard City
Annual Board Elections are usually held at the Annual Association Meeting.
- April 1 Annual dues are due.
- May 14 Start date for Yard Waste dumpsters – Yard waste only!
- June 3 Bass Tourney 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm. Two person teams. Registration fee is \$10.
\$5.00 entry for big bass. Call Steve Pritchard at 231-937-5010
Contestants must have live well – fish will be released after weigh in.
- June 4 Lake-wide yard sales
- July 3 Ski Show (sponsored by Keith Alexis) 1:00 pm and Fireworks at dusk
- July 4 Boat Parade 2:00 pm
- July 4 weekend Possible horseshoe/volleyball tournaments on this holiday weekend. - interested parties and organizer needed. Contact a board member if interested.
- August 6 **Annual Association Meeting 10:00 am at the Pavilion** The board is considering having a pot luck lunch following the Annual Meeting. Residents interested in attending are asked to RSVP to any board member.
- August 20 Lake wide yard sales
- September 3 Bass Tourney in AM – more details later or contact Steve..
- Reminder: Must have lake dues paid by April 1st – otherwise those who have dock space will lose their docks!!

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

Sweatshirts:

Indian Lakes Sweatshirts are available at the board office. Tammy is shown here modeling the hooded style. Blue is the only color available at this time Washing instructions are on the label. The sweatshirts are 50% cotton and 50% polyester. Those interested can contact Tammy or reply via e-mail to info@indianlakes.org. All sweatshirts proceeds go to our fireworks fund.
The prices are:

\$25.00 for hooded style

\$20.00 for regular style

Prices for child sizes have not yet been established.



Consider Advertising in Smoke Signals. We still have room for you!! Contact a member or the newsletter committee if interested! Association members receive a discount when advertising in Smoke Signals.

Sonar treatment to lake in 2011:

The following report is from PLM - website www.plmcorp.net.

The following information is for your information regarding the aquatic management plan for Indian Lake for the 2011 season.

In 2010, Sonar was used in an evaluation multiple bump program for the control over Eurasian watermilfoil. The program was initiated with the first treatment on May 3, 2010 with bump up applications throughout the summer on the following dates: June 7, July 8, July 21, August 19, and September 28, 2010. The EWM in Indian Lake was persistent showing new growth on plants throughout the summer when the plants should have dropped out of water column. Continued tests on the plants showed some resistance throughout the summer, but the latest surveys on the lake have shown success of the treatments as the EWM has dropped out of the water column. This is excellent news. Part of the program is to monitor and track the lake over the next few years to see how the EWM responds to the 2010 season. The goal of the 2010 season is to have weakened the root system of the EWM to have longer term control over the plants.

Management Program for 2011:

Products to be applied: Restrictive products such as Reward Aquathol K, Hydrothol 191, Navigate, Renovate, Fluridone (optional) and nonrestrictive products such as copper sulfate, chelated copper products, shade and any new products approved for use by the MNDRE.

Proposed Time line:

December 2010: Apply for DEQ Permits

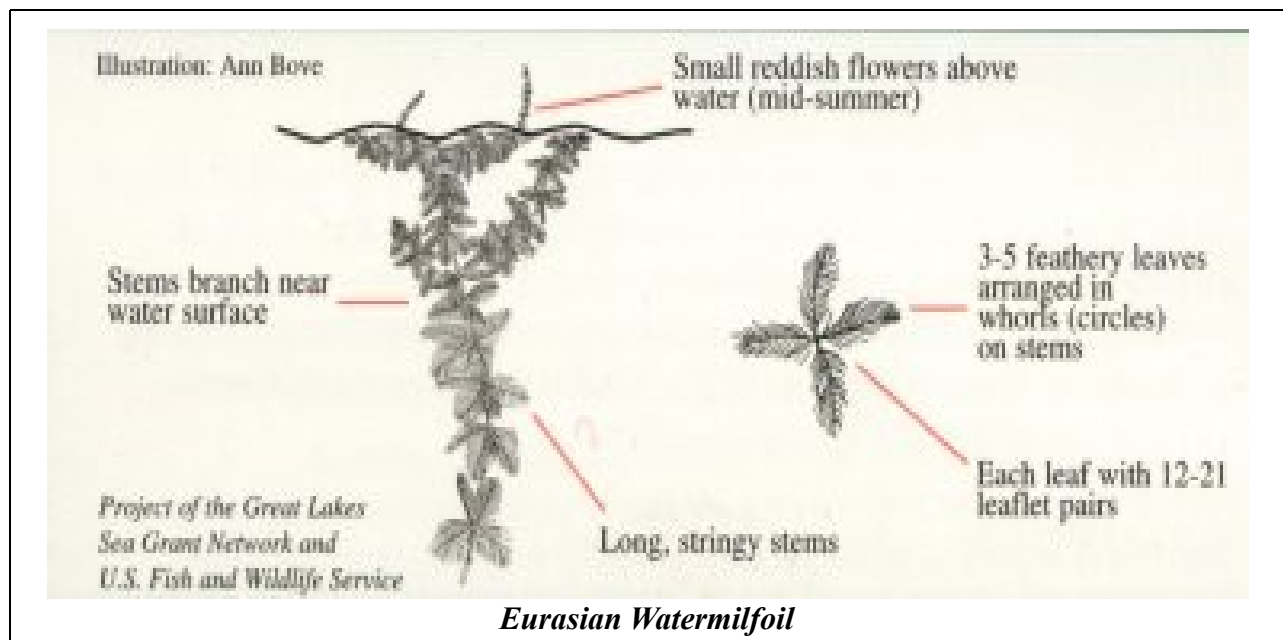
Spring 2011: notification to residents of proposed treatments

May/June: Spring Survey, Water Quality

Potential initial herbicide/algaecide application

June/July Potential herbicide/algaecide application. Pre/post survey, WQ testing.

August/September: Potential herbicide/algaecide application. Fall AVAS survey, Water Quality.



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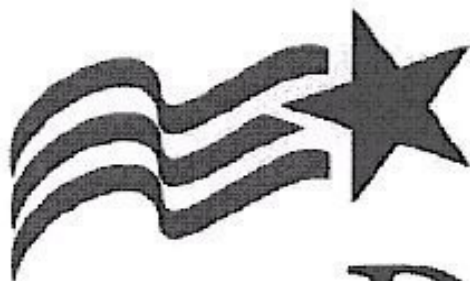


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