

Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association

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June 2012- Summer



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Our goal is to work together to provide for preservation of the values and amenities in our lakeside community. We welcome any additional help and assistance.

Please Note the new state regulations regarding the operation Personal Watercraft for individuals under the age of 16 is outlined on page 5. Also see the new "Member Concerns section on page 3 AND THERE ARE NO VISITING WATERCRAFT ALLOWED!! Please adhere to the rules, there are plenty of watercraft on our lake already. Thank-you. The President's report on page 4 is a "must read".

LSA Board of Directors:

The monthly LSA Board meetings are routinely scheduled for the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the pavilion. Please come and share your ideas! Board minutes are normally published on our website after they have been approved at the next meeting.

Abbott Pavilion Rental:



There is a flat \$50 rental fee payable to the Lake Shores Association plus a separate \$50 cleaning deposit payable to Angela Ringler for the use of the pavilion. Dues must be current for members to be able to rent the pavilion. The pavilion can be reserved for your personal event by completing and submitting the Pavilion Rental form on our website or contacting Angela Ringler at 231-580-9526. **The two separate deposits (rental and cleaning) must be paid to the treasurer when you make your reservation. Deposits will be refunded only if your reservation is canceled at least one month in advance of the date you had reserved to use the pavilion.**

Please note that the cleaning deposit will be forfeited if fasteners such as tape, nails, wires, paperclips, and screws are used to attach items to walls, ceiling, or windows. Smoking is not allowed in the pavilion – smoking in the pavilion will also result in the forfeiture of the cleaning deposit.

Fish:

The board encourages all fishermen to practice the custom of catch and release, especially walleyes until they reach legal size. Please be respectful when fishing around docks and boats.



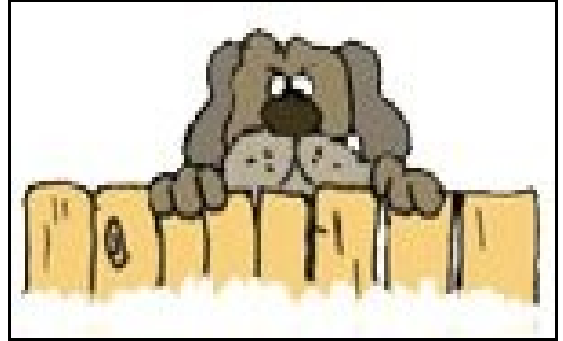
More fish (1400 black crappie and 400 walleye) were planted in our lake last Fall. Black Crappie, a species of sunfish, can grow up to 16 inches in length.

Dumpsters:

Dumpsters will no longer be made available for lawn waste such as leaves and grass clippings.

Architectural Committee:

Building regulations are spelled out in LSA covenants, restrictions and township zoning ordinance. All structures and alterations must get approval and/or permits from LSA architectural committee, township zoning administrator, and county building department.



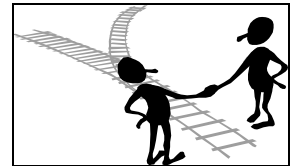
Break-ins:

Just beware, incidents of break-ins around the lake and there have been theft of gas tanks and boat batteries have already been reported this summer.

Neighborhood Watch:

Report any suspicious behavior to the Montcalm County Sheriff or the State Police in Lakeview,

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 please contact Doug or Darlene Ringler at 231-937-5525.



Boat Stickers:

Contact Ray, Steve, Val or Doug if you need one. There is a form on our website that can be printed off for sticker application – no on-line application. It is our custom for a board member to affix the sticker to the boat. Members who buy boats from other members (there should already be a sticker on the starboard side of the boat – that's on the right side facing forward for the nautically challenged) must re-register that boat in their own name.

Smoke Signals Distribution:

You can access our newsletters at www.indianlakes.org and they also can be delivered via e-mail. Members who would always like Smoke Signals via e-mail can e-mail a note to info@indianlakes.org requesting that their newsletters only be e-mailed to them – newsletters that are e-mailed are in color.

Smoke Signals is published 4 times yearly – all posted on our website. Two issues will be mailed. The other two issues will only e-mailed to members whose e-mail address we do have on file. Lake members are always welcome to pick up a copy of Smoke Signals at the office.

Sweatshirts:

Indian Lakes Sweatshirts are still available. A hanger 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 Valerie or reply via e-



mail to info@indianlakes.org. All profits from sweatshirt sales (after expenses have been paid) go to our fireworks fund.

The prices for Indian Lake sweatshirts are:

\$25.00 for hooded style

\$20.00 for regular style

These prices are also for child sizes.

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

Contact a board member or a newsletter committee member if interested! Ads come in three sizes. A full page ad is \$200, a half page ad is \$150, and a business card size is \$75 for one year – four issues.

Member Concerns often expressed to LSA Board Members

Roving Dogs: Yes, we have become weary of talking about dogs running off leash in our community (remember there is a township ordinance addressing this issue), but it is very common to hear reports of off leash dogs charging and challenging our community members.

What are our members to do when they are threatened by unleashed dogs? Document time and place and send to the board. Some walkers in our community make it a habit to have pepper spray devices on their person when ever they walk. Some of these spray devices can spray either water of pepper spray. The rumor is that these devices are available in sporting goods stores or online at Cabelas.

There is also Montcalm Animal Control at 989-831-7355 that members can call.

It just doesn't seem acceptable for walkers to feel they must avoid walking in certain areas in our community!!

Inappropriate Boating Behavior: One of the more common concerns discussed at LSA Board meetings is about the dangerous and irritating boating behavior by a few of our members. These behaviors include high boat speeds near the shore ,other boats and harassing wildlife. Please note that Michigan Law requires all watercraft to stay a minimum distance of 100 feet from all other boats.

Renters: Renters do not have the right to access the “Common Properties” of the association. Property owners in the association that are members in good standing and their guests if accompanied by the member have “a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Properties...” (see Article V section 1).

Non Members Using Commons Areas: Our lake has a reputation as a good lake to fish in, so non-members often “sneak” on our lake. The board has heard reports of members even giving the combo to our launch gate to their non-member friends, and it is not unusual for members to launch a boat and then forget/neglect to close the gate!!

E-Mail Addresses:

Currently we have the e-mail addresses of less than one third of our members. The use of e-mail is an easy and quick method to get information to our members. We send our e-mail messages in a way that does not reveal anyone's e-mail address. It also cuts our expenses dramatically if we can send Smoke Signals this way. A simple way for you to share your e-mail address with us is to send a message to info@indianlakes.org. If your internet connection is dial-up please let us know – sending a seven page issue of Smoke Signals over a dial-up connection just doesn't work.

2012 Water Treatment To Our Lake:

The following summary quotes are from a September 11th PLM letter to Steve. Note: EWM refers to Eurasian Watermilfoil.

- “PLM will continue to monitor and track the plant growth in Indian Lake as well as water quality.”
- “The growth of EWM found in our lake in 2011 has shown that treatments in 2012 need to be aggressive to combat EWM”.

The estimated budget for water treatment in 2012 is between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

Proposed Time-line (also from the September 11th letter to Steve)

- Spring 2012: Notifications to residents of proposed treatments
- May/June: Spring Survey, Water Quality
- May/June: 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

Presidents Report:

Really, not one person will step up and be on the board? Over 1,000 members!

I will be done after the annual meeting, and I had hoped someone would've volunteered by now. It's not that difficult, unless you're the Treasurer. Please, someone volunteer.

Boating Regulations for Indian Lake

- ◆ There shall be no high speed boating/jet skiing or in other words no wake for the entire lake before 11am & after 8:30 pm.
- ◆ Michigan Law requires that a spotter must be present on any watercraft that in any fashion has a person in tow,
- ◆ Michigan Law requires all watercraft to stay a minimum distance of 100 feet from all other boats.
- ◆ All traffic must be going in a **counter-clockwise** fashion around the lake.
- ◆ The boat launch is for association members only and with watercraft that bear an appropriate Indian Lake sticker. Trailers at the launch site must have an Indian Lakes appropriate sticker.
- ◆ No guest boats are permitted on Indian Lake!
- ◆ The “no wake” rules apply to everyone who uses the lake – please comply!!
- ◆ EVERY boat on public or private lakes must be registered with the state.
- ◆ Please remember that members are responsible for their guests both on and off the water.
- ◆ All boaters should make sure their boat has the required personal flotation devices.
- ◆ The Montcalm county sheriff marine patrol does visit our lake.

Personal Watercraft – see http://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/boating_law.html

Those **less than 14 years of age** may not legally operate a PWC. Those **14 and 15 years of age** may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and...He or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian or...

- He or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.
- Those **at least 16 years of age** and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.
- Those born on or before December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

Also note that the Montcalm county sheriff marine patrol does visit our lake.

Volunteers Needed: The board is also looking for members to volunteer to watch the boat ramp over the holidays this summer. Members willing to perform this service to the community are requested to contact any board member. July 4 is on Wednesday, and Labor Day is on September 3. Members wishing to volunteer to help around the lake should contact either Brenda Gartzke at bgratzke@me.com and Brenda Tumosa at brenda.d.tumosa@saic.com

Our Bulletin Board (Corner of Indian Shores and Apache Trail): Some of our members have asked us to develop a method so that they can find workers in our community who are willing to perform odd jobs at their homes. We do have a bulletin board for members who are interested and willing to perform odd jobs in our community. They are welcome to post a note on our bulletin that indicates what type of odd jobs there are willing to do and post their phone number.



<u>Board Members:</u>		<u>Home Phone</u>
President	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
Vice President	Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946
Secretary	Theresa Lane	616-516-8407
Treasurer	Valerie Pritchard	231-937-5010
Trustee	Doug Ringler	231-937-4198
<u>Architectural Committee:</u>		
	Doug Ringler	231-937-4198
	Ken Kool	616-293-2022
	Mark Spangenberg	616-855-4625
<u>Newsletter Committee:</u>		
	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
	Glenn Irwin	231-629-4797
<u>Welcoming committee:</u>		
	Doug & Darlene Ringler	231-937-4198
<u>Law Enforcement Numbers:</u>		
	DNR	616-225-3414
	Poaching	800-292-7800
	Animal Control – Montcalm County	989-831-7355
	Drain Commission – Don Cooper	989-831-7322
	Montcalm County 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
	Fire Chief William Knapp	989-815-0905
	Emergency	911
<u>Drain Commissioner's Lake Level Committee:</u>		
	John Westveer	231-937-5280
	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
	Dave Van Dam	616-937-4170
<u>Pavilion Rental Contact</u>		
	Angela Ringler	231-580-9526.

Calender of events for Spring/Summer 2012

Jun 30	Ski Show and fireworks -Show at 1:00 PM Fireworks at dusk - around 10:00 pm.	
Jul 01	Boat Parade - Theme is Christmas in July.	
Jul 02	LSA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm	
Aug 04	Annual Meeting – 10:00 am.	
Aug 25	Lake wide garage sale	
Sept 1	Bass Tournament	
*Winfield Township board meetings - 2 nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at our Township Hall.		

*Note: Those that are tired of continuous barking dogs should go to a meeting and ask for a noise ordinance.

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