

Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association

P.O. Box 63

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<http://www.indianlakes.org> info@indianlakes.org



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 donate to the fireworks fund!

Abbott Pavilion Rental:



There is a flat \$50 rental fee payable to the Lake Shores Association plus a separate \$50 cleaning deposit payable to Susan Guigelaar for the use of the pavilion. Dues must be current for members to 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 Susan Guigelaar at 231-648-6193 . **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. The association member renting the pavilion must be at the event- there are liability issues related to this regulation!

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 Lake 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.

Architectural Committee:

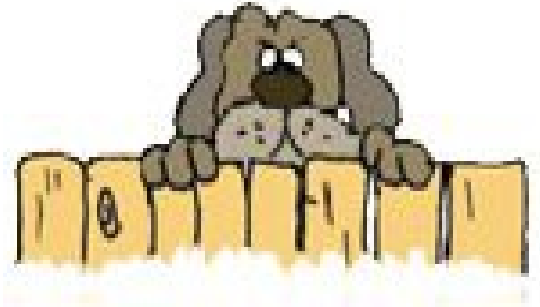
Building regulations are spelled out in LSA covenants, restrictions and township zoning ordinance. All structures and alterations must get approval and/or permits from LSA architectural committee, township zoning administrator, and county building department.

Break-ins:

Just beware, incidents of break-ins around the lake continue if it looks suspicious please call authorities or a neighbor. Please keep your neighbors "in the loop".

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.



Sweatshirts:

We still have some Indian Lakes Sweatshirts in stock. Call Valerie at 937-5010 for sizes available. All profits from sweatshirt sales (after expenses have been paid) go to our fireworks fund.



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.

We need your E-Mail Address:

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 (including Smoke Signals) to our members - we use this method quite often. We send our e-mail messages in a way that does not reveal the recipients' e-mail addresses.

Smoke Signals are usually published 4 times yearly – all posted on www.indianlakes.org. All issues will be e-mailed to members whose e-mail addresses we do have on file, and two issues will be mailed to members whose email addresses we do not have. It cuts our expenses dramatically if we can send Smoke Signals this way.

Members who would always like Smoke Signals via e-mail can e-mail a note to info@indianlakes.org requesting that their newsletters be e-mailed to them – newsletters that are e-mailed are in color.

New Boat Stickers are In:

It is time to re-sticker all of our boats and PWCs (Personal Water-crafts). On the weekends of June 29 & 30 and July 6 & 7 from noon to 4:00 pm owners can "drive" their boats up to Pritchard's "board walk" to get their new boat sticker on their boat. Hopefully, the majority of boats will be "restickered" in these two weekends. Owners will need to show their boat registration to get a new boat sticker. It would also be helpful if owners would come with completed [Watercraft Registration Form\(s\)](#) that can found on our website.

Fireworks Scheduled for July 6:

Our contract for the fireworks display requires a spectator set back of 350' from Teepee Island.

Please Note - PWC (Personal Watercraft) Information:

Michigan joins 45 other states that have educational requirements for operating a boat or PWC on state waters. – see http://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/boating_law.html

PWC regulation for youth --

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.

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!

<u>Board Members:</u>		<u>Home Phone</u>
President	Brandon White	231-884-8209 -- new number
Vice President	Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946
Secretary	Theresa Lane	616-516-8407
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	Glenn Irwin	231-629-4797
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	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
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	John Westveer	231-937-5280
	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
	Dave Van Dam	616-937-4170
<u>Pavilion Rental Contact:</u>		
	Susan Guigelaar	231-648-6193

Calender of events for Spring/Summer 2013

Jul 06	Boat Parade at 11:00 am - Theme: Team Spirit followed by Ski Show at 1:00 pm Fireworks at dusk if enough donations are received	
Aug 03	Annual Meeting 10:00 am in Pavilion	
Aug 24	Lake Wide Garage Sale	
Aug 31	Bass Tournament* - Call Steve 937-5010	
	* Bass Tournaments are 7:00 to 11:15 am	
Winfield Township board meetings - 2 nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at our Township Hall.		

Annual Meeting:

Our Annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 3rd and our By Laws indicate in item F of the order of Business of our annual meeting is "Election of Directors". The election of directors has not taken place the last few years - no one "ran" to be elected to the board of directors.

The President's report (Steve's comment) in the June 2012 issue of Smoke Signals contained the following: "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."

To volunteer to run for election to the board please either complete the [Board of Directors Candidacy Form](#) on our website or mail your resume to Lake Shores Association P.O. Box 63 Howard City, Michigan 49329 by Saturday, July 20.

Vice President's report:

Boat Docks – back lot owners:

All boats must be secured to the dock in mannerly fashion. All docks must be in a safe condition! Please check your watercraft regularly to make sure they have not been vandalized. The LSA is not responsible for your watercraft. Non payment of dues, late dues payment, and non-use of dock will result in loss of dock.

Small people:

Underage children on quads and motorcycles have created dangerous conditions around the lake. These roads are public right-of-ways governed by our local law officials. These officials have the right to ticket the offenders and seize the motorcycle or quad.

Fishing etiquette:

Please use caution when fishing around rubber rafts and docks. Several of the rafts have been "popped" by errant hooks. Canvas boat covers have been damaged as well. The following website has a good ongoing discussion on this topic <http://www.bassresource.com/bass-fishing-forums/topic/80710-dock-etiquette/>

Fish Stocking:

There was no spring fish plant (financial issues) but there will be a fall plant.

The Milfoil Weevil (*Euhrychiopsis lecontei*) - just thinking:

This aquatic insect received notice in 1986 through 1989 when a lake in Vermont "mysteriously" had a large die-off of E. Watermilfoil and it was discovered that the little E. lecontei no bigger than a sesame seed was to blame. This weevil actually prefers E. milfoil to native milfoil species. This insect is being used in a number of lakes in Michigan to control or help control their infestation of E. Watermilfoil.

"A permit is not required from the State of Michigan for certain methods of biological control. Examples include biological control agents that are native to the region, including the milfoil weevil (*Euhrychiopsis lecontei*)....". http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/wb-anc-faq_303770_7.pdf

Will this work in Indian Lake? One place to explore is <http://search.michigan.gov/search?affiliate=mi-som&query=milfoil%20weevil>

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