

Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association

P.O. Box 63

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May 2011 - Spring Edition



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

Fireworks in Jeopardy:

As the signs at the entrance to Indian Lake report, the contributions that have been given so far this spring for our July 3rd fireworks show have fallen far short of the \$6000 that is needed. Our treasurer has indicated that as of Monday, April 23 she had received only \$2500 in donations. The deadline for contributions to reach the \$6000 mark is June 3.

Monthly LSA Board Meeting:

The monthly LSA Board meetings are scheduled for the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the pavilion. Please come and share your ideas! Also see the President's report on page 6.

Indian Lakes Boating Regulations:

1. There shall be no high speed boating/jet skiing or in other words no wake for the entire lake before 11:00 am and after 8:30 pm.
2. When any watercraft has a person or persons in tow in any fashion, a spotter must be present on the tow-craft as proscribed by Michigan law.
3. All watercraft must stay a minimum distance of 100 feet from all other boats and objects as proscribed by Michigan law.
4. All traffic must be going in a counter-clockwise fashion around the lake.
5. The launch is for association members only. Only watercraft with appropriate stickers will be allowed on this lake.
6. The appropriate stickers must be applied to all trailers at the boat launch.
7. Absolutely no visiting watercraft are permitted on our lake.

These rules have been established for the safety of all members and will be enforced.

Pavilion:



The use of the pavilion is gaining in popularity. There is a flat \$50 rental fee plus a \$50 cleaning deposit for the use of the pavilion. This rental fee 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. The pavilion can be reserved for your personal event by contacting Tammy Williams at 231-629-1877.

Also 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 fee.

Fish:

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

We hear that there was a 15” walleye caught and released along with a nice crappie. So our plantings are showing signs of success.

This is a picture of Ray holding a nice walleye fry stocked in our lake last fall. =====>



Fireworks:

The fireworks show this summer will be held on Sunday, July 3 **if we receive enough donations to fund it**. There will be a meeting at the Pavilion on May 23 at 6:30 pm to organize door to door canvassers to get donations for our fireworks. We are looking for people who can canvass sometime during the Memorial holiday weekend.

Please note: donations for our fireworks must be in by June 3rd.

These girls are working to raise funds for our fireworks =====>



Dumpsters:



There will be yard waste dumpsters (no rubbish, trees, plastic or liquids) available starting May 14 and for a short time again this this fall. The fall dates will be published later this summer. 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 the 2011 lake treatment schedule, and page 7 on how you can help prevent the invasion of aquatic nuisance species of plants and animals into our lake.

Building Regulations:

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 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: The due date for payment of our dues was April 1st. This helped to get the new combination out to you before you wanted to launch your boat. Members with docks in the common areas lose them if their dues are not paid by April 1st. In fact, docks (in the common areas) of members whose dues were still unpaid on April 30 may have already been re-assigned to someone else on our waiting list. Ray Brimmer at 231-937-7946 is the board member to contact about docks in the common areas.

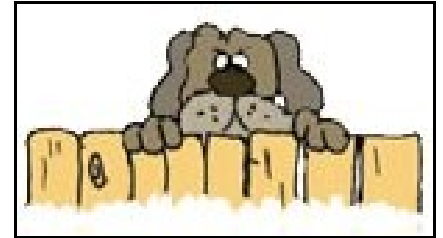
Members with unpaid dues and renters do not have access to any common areas.

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

Break-ins:

Just beware, there are still break-ins happening around the lake

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.

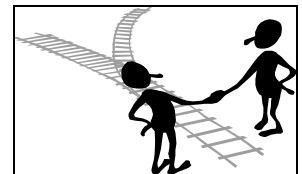


Neighborhood Watch:

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

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.

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.



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. Contact Tammy at 231-629-1877 or Ray at 231-937-7946 to meet you 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 be much less costly to phase out the mailing of the newsletter altogether, but many of our community members are not 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 can be e-mailed to members – as has been requested by many. E-mails sent with the “BCC:” process do not reveal other recipients' e-mail addresses. Members who would 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. Did you know that Adobe Reader will even read Smoke Signals to you aloud?

The board at their October 2010 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 whose e-mail address we have on file. Lake members who do not have internet access are welcome to pick up their copy of Smoke Signals at the office.

Member Signs:

Signs that are posted for parties, garage sales, etc., should be taken them down the day after the event is done. There are three posts at the entrance and one at the pavilion (corner of Apache Trail and Cheyenne Drive) for member signs. The road signs at the corner of Indian Shores Drive and Apache Trail (Indian Lake signs that tell which direction the different streets are) are not for member signs.

<u>Board Members:</u>		Home Phone	Cell
President	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010	
Vice President	Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946	
Secretary	Tammy Williams		231-629-1877
Treasurer	Valerie Pritchard	231-937-5010	
Trustee	Doug Ringler	231-937-4198	
<u>Architectural Committee:</u>			
	John Westveer	231-937-5280	
	Doug Ringler	231-937-4198	
	Ken Kool	616-293-2022	
<u>Newsletter Committee:</u>			
	Tammy Williams		231-629-1877
	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>Pump Committee:</u>			
	John Westveer	231-937-5280	
	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010	
	Dave Van dam	616-937-4170	

Important Statement from the board about dues:

The vast majority of our members do pay their dues promptly...to you, we thank you. The Board of Directors has decided to use an attorney to collect all delinquent association dues. **The cost of the attorney will be applied to the assessment due.** This is in compliance with section 9 of the covenants.

Calender of events for Spring and Summer 2011

May 14	Yard Waste dumpsters available at Tall Oaks and Pawnee Points parks for a short time. These are for yard waste only – no trees, plastic, or liquid.
May 23	Meeting at the Pavilion at 6:30 to organize door to door canvassers to seek donations for fireworks.
May 28-30	Memorial Day weekend – volunteers will be canvassing our community for fireworks donations.
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 (hopefully)
July 4	Boat Parade 2:00 pm The theme this year is “Pirates”.
July 4 weekend	Possible horseshoe/volleyball tournaments on this holiday weekend. - interested parties and organizer needed. Contact a board member if interested.
August 6	<u>Annual Association Meeting 10:00 am at the Pavilion</u> There will not be a board election again this year – no resumes' were submitted for board candidacy this spring. 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..

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. 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 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.



2011 Water Treatment To Our Lake:

PLM (website www.plmcorp.net) mailed out a notice the first week of May to LSA members about the tentative water treatment schedule for this year.

The Tentative Treatment Schedule for 2011 is as follows:

Week of Treatment	Type of Treatment	Week of Treatment	Type of Treatment
05/16/11	Spring Survey, Water Quality	05/23/11	Optional Algae
05/31/11	Weed & Algae	06/20/11	Weed & Algae
07/18/11	Weed & Algae, Water Quality	08/16/11	Weed & Algae
09/06/11	Fall Survey, WQ, Weed & Algae		

The notice that LSA members received from PLM contained the following statement.

“DEQ permitting restriction, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2011 season. PLM treats each lake according to a schedule or season plan, established with the cooperation of your lake association, lake board, or residents on the lake. The treatment schedule is approximate. Please watch your shoreline for the posting of the 8.5 x 11 inch, yellow or green signs. The signs will indicate the date of the treatment, the product used, and any restrictions on the use of treated water for swimming, watering lawns, etc.”

Presidents Report:

First of all, I can't believe out of 505 members that one person would not step up to be on the board of directors. I was asked to fill in as president until someone volunteered to do it. Since no one did, I will of course do the best job I can. It's very helpful that my wife Valerie volunteered to be treasurer, although I haven't seen much of her since she did. She has put in many hours to get the records up to date and now we are getting very good reports. You can come to any meeting and get a copy of the budget and profit and loss report. The fireworks fund is now around \$3100, so we have a ways to go. I'm sure we will get there. I would especially like to give thanks to Lori Kropenicki for her help with Quick books. You can always call me with any concerns, as you know I always return calls.

Steve Pritchard

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.

Sign posted at our launch ramp!!!

Please

HELP!

***Prevent the spread of
aquatic nuisance species
plants and animals***



ZEBRA MUSSEL



ROUND GOBY



EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

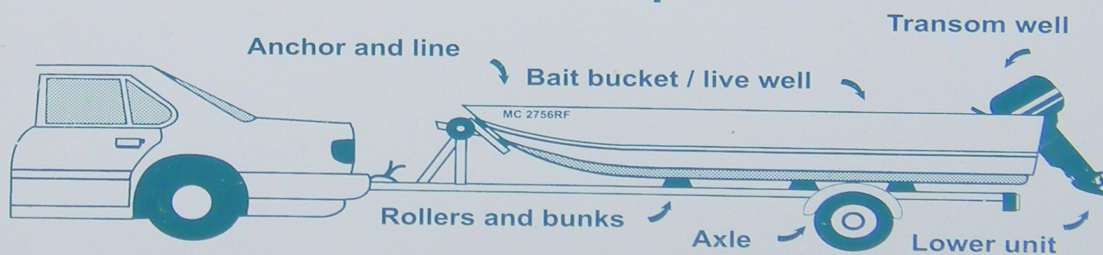


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Before launching...and before leaving:

- REMOVE aquatic plants and animals
- DRAIN lake or river water from boat/ personal watercraft, bilge compartments and live wells
- DISPOSE of unwanted live bait on land

Where to look for nuisance species:



Graphic courtesy of Minnesota DNR



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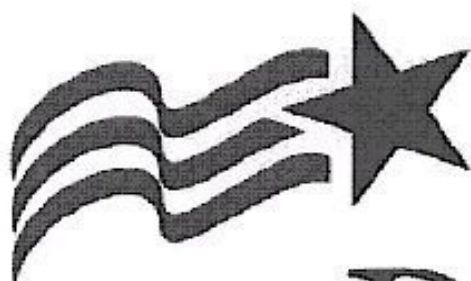


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