

Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association

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November - Fall 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.

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! Please note however that the next LSA Board Meeting is scheduled for January 2. 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 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.**

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.

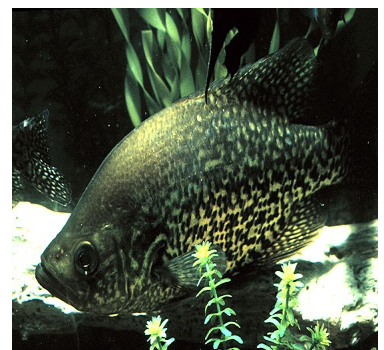
Fish:

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.

We have volunteers willing to build a spawning habitat for our walleyes and are waiting for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to issue a permit for this endeavor. More information on this process will be available later.

More fish (1400 black crappie and 400 walleye) were planted in our lake on Wednesday, November 2.

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. One or more of our members used the lawn waste dumpster at Shady Oaks Park to dispose of their household trash last month. This misuse of the lawn waste dumpsters resulted in their premature removal and an additional expense to the association. Household trash is dumped in an entirely different location by waste management companies than lawn waste. So, the waste company that had provided our lawn waste dumpsters for years had to manually separate the household trash from the lawn waste. No other waste management company in the area will provide us dumpsters for our lawn waste.

Just so we know, the following paragraph appears on the DEQ's website under the heading "DEQ Encourages Leaf Burning Alternatives " :

"In rural locations where responsible burning of yard waste is allowed, permits are required to burn leaves and brush. Homeowners are reminded to obtain a permit before burning and that they are responsible for damage caused by a fire they start." See <http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135--224893--,00.html>

There are "alternatives" to burning our leaves.

- ⤴ Some of our members are considering ordering a leaf dumpster to be placed on their private property and sharing the cost of the dumpster with neighbors.
- ⤴ Thomas Nikolia a turf-grass academic specialist at Michigan State University has written the article "When leaves turn into litter", and that is available on the internet at http://grounds-mag.com/mag/grounds_maintenance_leaves_turn_litter/ . The author indicated that lawns seem to benefit when dry leaves are finely mulched on lawns – 300 pounds dry leaves (that's a thickness of about 12 inches) over 1000 square feet of lawn was one amount listed. The author indicated that the shredded leaves disappear the following spring as the grass begins to grow. His research has shown that this process does not significantly effect the Nitrogen/Carbon balance in the lawn. One study that he cited involved the use of rotary push mowers to mulch set at a height of 2 to 3 inches. Please read the complete article for a more complete explanation of how mulching leaves impacts lawns.
- ⤴ Perhaps there is a dump-site nearby that would allow leaves to be dumped.

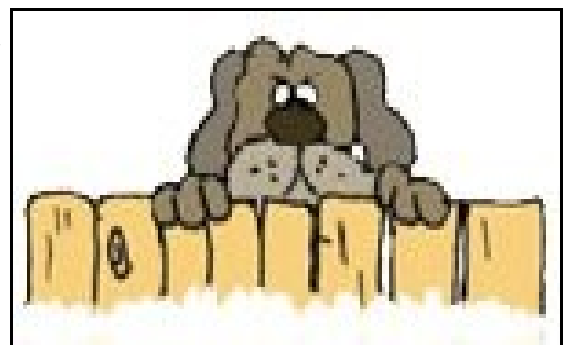
Architectural Committee:

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, there are still break-ins happening around the lake, and there is still the recurring theft of gas tanks and boat batteries.

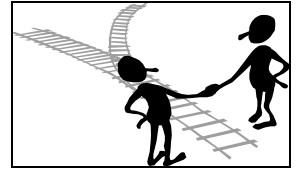
If you are interested in surveillance equipment or security cameras to protect your property, call Tom Kropewnicki at 231-937-9973 or 616-291-7854.



Neighborhood Watch:

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

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 or you purchase a new boat, please pick up a new sticker from the office. Although there are no posted hours, call Ray or Steve if you need one. There is a form on our website that can be printed off for sticker application – no on-line application. The latest issue of Smoke Signals is also available at the office.

You can always e-mail a message to secretary@indianlakes.org or info@indianlakes.org if you need assistance, have a suggestion, or have a question.

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. As mentioned above, lake members are always welcome to pick up a copy of Smoke Signals at the office.

Sweatshirts:

Indian Lakes Sweatshirts are still 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 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.

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<u>Law Enforcement Numbers:</u>		
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Calender of events for Fall & Winter 2011

January 2 Monthly LSA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 as Abbott Pavilion

February 6 Monthly LSA Board of Directors meeting

March 5 Monthly LSA Board of Directors meeting

Winfield Township board meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Winfield Township Hall.

Thank You:

Tammy Williams is no longer on the LSA board of directors, we would like to thank her for all the years of service. Theresa Lane was appointed to the position. Since everyone on the board was appointed, we will have an election next year. So go to our website and fill out the application asap.

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 2001 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)

- ⤴ December 2011: Apply for DEQ Permit
- ⤴ 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:

We are considering a new gate at the boat launch, one with a key pad and self closing. Don Cooper has submitted their plan to the DEQ to install an overflow tube in the berm.

With help from a special committee we finished rewriting the covenants. I've been fine tuning it with the township and it's ready to mail out. Once everyone has had a chance to read it, we will have a meeting at the pavilion to discuss any concerns you might have. However it's the holiday season and everyone will be busy, and I'm especially busy this time of year. So we won't mail them out till March and have the meeting in April instead of the middle of winter. Once we feel it will be approved, we will need volunteers to go door to door to get signatures.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and see you on January 2 for the monthly meeting, we will be discussing the budget for next year.

Steve

Safety Tips for Walkers from www.webmd.com

Keep safety in mind when you walk outdoors. Follow these basic rules:

1. Walk with a buddy whenever possible.
2. Carry your name, address, and a friend or relative's phone number in your shoe or tied to a lace.
3. Wear a medical bracelet if you have diabetes, an allergy, or other condition.
4. Carry a cell phone and let a friend or relative know your walking routes.
5. Avoid deserted or unlit streets, especially after dark.
6. Do not use headsets that prevent you from hearing traffic; and walk against oncoming traffic.
7. Wear reflective material and/or carry a flashlight so others can see you.
8. Carry a whistle or noisemaker or pepper spray in case of an emergency.

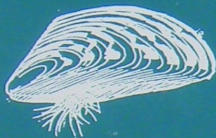
Above all, make walking fun and you'll be more likely to stick with it.

Reminder: whereas walkers should always walk on the side of the road so they walk facing oncoming traffic in their lane, those on “wheels” should ride on the side of the road moving with the traffic in their lane.

Please

HELP!

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



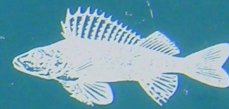
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ROUND GOBY



EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

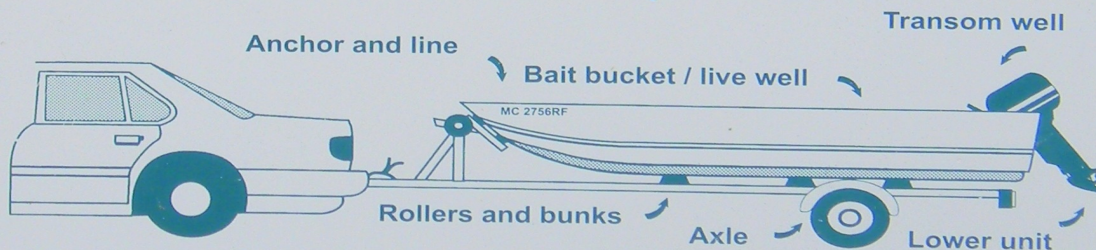


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Before launching...and before leaving:

- 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:



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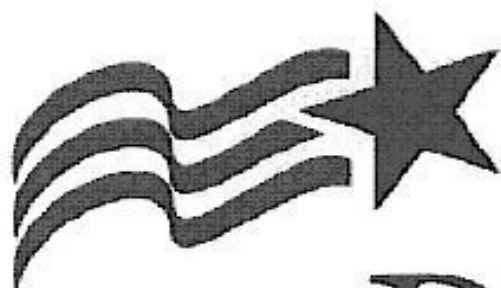
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