

Smoke Signals
Lake Shores Association
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April 2009



Finally – Spring is here!!!

After a long winter, it is great to see that Spring is finally here. Please read the entire newsletter as there will not be another until the summer is over. This newsletter will provide you with the dates for lake activities this summer.

Pavilion:

Bids have been accepted to apply an epoxy finish to the cement floor at the pavilion. This should be completed within the next few months. Again, beginning January 1, 2009, there was a \$50 rental fee for the use of the pavilion based on the member vote at the annual meeting in August 2008. **You will not be able to rent the pavilion unless your dues are current.**



The pavilion can be reserved for your personal event by contacting Tammy Williams at 231 629-1877.



Special Prayers:

Please remember to keep in mind the family of Pastor Jack Dunn.



Dogs:

I am sure by now that everyone is tired of hearing about dogs in the newsletter; however, the Board is still receiving complaints with dogs running loose, chasing people when walking down the street, and biting. So, we still need to educate members with regards to their dogs and cats. In every issue of the Smoke Signals since September 2004 we have reiterated the problems of dogs on the lake. The problems have ranged from biting, barking and property damage. Please remember to keep your animals under control and confined to your property. As a reminder, all dogs must be on a leash when walking around the lake and especially at the parks.

Just this week the board received complaints of two incidents that occurred. One member was taking a walk where a dog ran after the member in an attacking manner. The second member was a young child playing in or near her yard and an unattended dog bit her.

Fish:



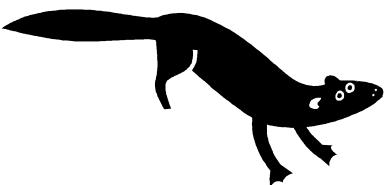
The Board has planted \$3,000 worth of fish, Black Crappie, Perch, silver Catfish, and Feeder Fish.



Fireworks:

The price of fireworks has increased 20 percent this year due an increase for both the permits and supplies. If you would like to see the firework display as you have in the past, please remember that the price has increased. **Remember it is your donations that fund the fireworks.**

Also, the firework display will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009 – See the Calendar of Events.



Muskrats:

If you are having any problems with muskrats Dave Gould will trap muskrats for free. Just call him at 231-519-2208.



Dumpsters:

Clean up your yards!!!! Once again there will be dumpsters for both rubbish and yard waste on June 27, 2009.

And, there will be yard waste dumpsters (no rubbish) the last week of October for 2 weeks. No plastic or liquids - only yard waste.



Docks:

If you have **dock space** and your dues are not paid by **April 30, 2009**, you will lose the right to your dock space May 1, 2009. You must also maintain your dock area and keep it clean and free of debris.

As a friendly reminder, if you have dock space and you have not paid your dues by April 30, 2009, and another member has paid their dues and requested dock space, the member with unpaid dues will forfeit their dock space. This is only fair to members who are current with their dues and waiting for dock space.

Weeds:

Please see the attached 2009 Tentative Treatment Dates for this year's weed kill. The estimated budget for this year's weed kill is \$7,500 – 20, 500.



Sheds:

You are not allowed to have any sheds on vacant lots.



Dues:

It is that time of year again. Your annual association dues are due on April 1, 2009. Please remember to have these paid on time. Without paying your dues, we would not have all the niceties that we currently have; such as dumpster days, weed kill, maintaining parks, maintaining pavilion and bathrooms, and upgrading buildings and parks as needed.

We currently have **\$14,000** of member dues that are **over 90 days old and should have been paid last year or years prior**. We understand that times are difficult but the dues are \$150 annually. This breaks down to **\$12.30 per month/.41 cents per day**. This is less than a case of beer, a carton of cigarettes, or a nice dinner. Everyone needs to play their part in making sure their dues are paid. It affects all members. We cannot have the beautiful lake or area we live without these dues. You know if you are delinquent. Please pay your dues immediately. By not paying these dues you are hurting your neighbors, friends, and even family members; not the Board.

Break-ins:



There have been numerous break-ins this past winter to homes that were vacant or used seasonally. It appeared that the subjects breaking into these homes did so because there was not activity in or around the immediate area of the home. The driveways were not plowed. No lights on a timer. Decks and sidewalk areas were snow covered. If you are a seasonal member, you may want to consider having your driveways plowed and sidewalks cleared to help deter these criminals. Timers on your lights also help.

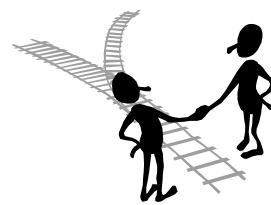
It should also be mentioned that there have been additional reports of vandalism and break-ins within the past few weeks. Please pay attention to vehicles in the area that do not belong here. Watch for people walking around property that do not reside at that residence. We need to patrol our own neighborhoods. If you have any concerns or problems, please call Tammy Williams at 231-629-1877 or Ray Brimmer at 231-937-7946.

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.

Please Welcome our New Members:

Brenda Tumosa, Jon Gilbert, and Josh and Melissa Shanks. (If you have not received your new Welcome Packet, please contact Ron Vierheilig at 231-937-5525.)

Also, lake members, if you know of any new members that have not been contacted by the Board, please call Ron Vierheilig at 231-937-5525.





Fertilizer:

If you are interested in purchasing phosphorous free fertilizer, the Board has **reduced** the **fertilizer to ½ price** this year due to an abundant amount remaining from last year. The cost is \$15 per bag. The fertilizer works great and is especially good for our lake water so not to promote weed growth since the fertilizer is phosphorous free.

Items for Sale Around the Lake:

1986 18' Bayliner Capri –

125 hp Force, trim/tilt
Pinpoint Trolling System
Converts to fishing boat within minutes
Custom Trailer
Auto bilge pump
Live Well
On-board charging system
\$3,000 – If interested, call Steve or Val Pritchard at 231-937-5010



1997 20' Starcraft Pontoon Boat –

40 hp Mercury, trim/tilt
Change-out room
Sink
\$4,500 – If interested, call Steve or Val Pritchard at 231-937-5010

BOARD MEMBERS:

President – Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946
Vice President – Jim Radford	630-730-4436
Treasurer – Paul Church	231-937-8353
Secretary – Tammy Williams	231-937-6409 or 231-629-1877
Trustee – Brian Bliss	616-723-5999

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Lorie Collier	616-855-4160
Lori Kropewnicki	231-937-9973

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

Ron Vierheilig	231-937-5525
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BUILDING COMMITTEE:

John & Shirley Westveer	231-937-5280
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LAW ENFORCEMENT NUMBERS:

DNR – Vicki Goss – 616-225-3414
Poaching – 800-292-7800
Animal Control – 989-831-7355
Injured Animals – John Muste – 231-937-4687
Drain Commission – Don Cooper - 989-225-7322
Road Commission: 989-831-5285
Michigan State Police/ Lakeview Post 989-352-8444
Montcalm Co. Sheriff -989-831-5253
Howard City Police-231-937-4311
Emergency-911

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.

Calendar of Events for the Summer of 2009:

- June 6, 2009** Yard Sales
June 6, 2009 Bass Tournament – 7:00 am – 11:00 am
 Call Mike Moody at 231-937-6338 with questions.
- June 13, 2009** WLAV Kids Fishing Day – **PENDED PENDED PENDED PENDED**
Pended 9:00 am – 12:00 pm rain or shine.
- The WLAV Kids Fishing Day is **pended** until the Board can secure at least 25 boats for this event. The past few years there seems to be a loss of interest.
Call Tammy Williams at 231-937-6409 or 231-629-1877 by **May 16, 2009**, if you are willing to volunteer your time and pontoon boat. If 25 boats are not secured, this event will be canceled.
- Again, if Tammy has not received 25 boats by May 16, this event will be canceled.**
- June 27, 2009** Clean-up Day Dumpsters and Yard Waste Dumpsters
- July 4, 2009** Boat Parade – 2:00 pm
 Cowboys and Indians is the theme for this year.
 Call Karen Brimmer at 231-937-7946 or Tammy Williams at 231-629-1877.
- July 4, 2009** Ski Show – 7:00 pm
All members need to thank **Keith Alexis** for this event. If it was not for his contribution, this ski show would not occur.
- July 4, 2009** Pike Tournament – 7:00 am – 11:00 am
Call Ray Brimmer at 231-937-7946.
- July 11, 2009** **Fireworks at dusk**
Due to a conflict with the company that handles our fireworks display, the fireworks show will be done on this date. The firework company has already received contracts from other associations and their schedule is booked for the 4th of July. Because our fireworks are funded from donations, we are not able to commit to a date until we have a general idea of how many donations we have received to fund this event.
- August 8, 2009** Annual Meeting – 10:00 am
Speakers - Don Cooper our Drain Commissioner
 Professional Lake Management our weed control company.
- August 22, 2009** Yard Sale
- August 30, 2009** Bass Tournament – 7:00 am – 11:00 am
Call Mike Moody at 231-937-6338 with any questions.
- Last 2 weeks of October** Yard Waste Dumpsters only.

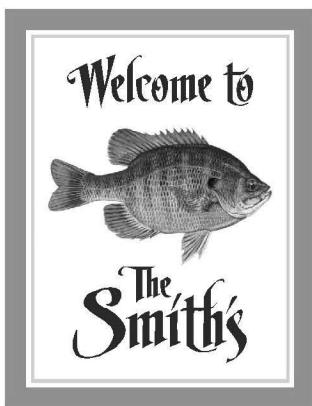


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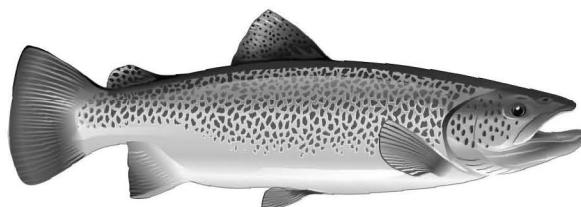
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