



# Lake of the Woods

Improvement Association, Inc.

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What can we tell you??? it's been a long winter. By now a lot of you have your boats, pontoons and jet skis in and you've been around the lake a time or two. You'll notice some new homes have popped up around the lake, and here and there you'll see a "FOR SALE" sign, maybe not on the water front but on the road that runs by. We've asked this favor before and we're repeating it now. If you have a new neighbor, please get their home address, let us know, and tell them about our Association. Now on to business.

## WEBSITE

For those of you that have visited our website....what did you think of it? We've had several "great job" notes. If you have some suggestions as to what you'd like to see on it, please let us know. I hope that those of you that have logged on took advantage of the coupon offered by Warner's Do It Center. Having the businesses around town advertise with us could bring in added revenue to your Association. There aren't too many things we can do because volunteers to take on money making projects are few and far between. Remember.....[www.lakeofthewoodsmi.org](http://www.lakeofthewoodsmi.org)

## TEE SHIRTS

For those of you wondering about the tee-shirts....they've been ordered in a color called Ash, that has a faint gray background with a light fleck running through it, and we'll have the following:

50/50 tees: 15 M - 25 L - 50 XL - 100% pre shrunk cotton: 20 L - 26 XL

50/50 4 - 3XL----- 50/50 youth 2 M - 2 L.

To get a price break we had to order a total of 144 shirts. The 50/50 and 100% cotton M - L & XL will sell for \$12.00, the XXXL for \$15.00 and the youth for \$10.00. If you want them shipped to your home we'll use UPS and charge a straight \$5.00 for up to 3 shirts.

They should all be available the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please call Char Martin at 269-423-8692 or send an e-mail to [char@locallink.net](mailto:char@locallink.net). We ordered light on the youth shirts until we have an idea how many are needed. To place the next order we can order sweat shirts and tee shirts in a combination order if anyone is interested. A catalog will be available at the picnic.

## DUES

We've already received a number of dues as you'll see at the end of this letter. **AND speaking of dues they are due and we hope you'll use the enclosed envelope to send yours.** They are still \$40.00, or more if you're feeling generous. As in previous years the RV camp and Lake of the Woods Camp pay \$350.00 and the Decatur Village \$300.00. For those of you that have already paid, we don't plan on enclosing an envelope in your letter, but since we're only human we're bound to slip up, so just save it for next year if you get one.

## COMPLAINTS & SUGGESTIONS

We've had several complaints:

- #1. There was no address in the February newsletter ----  
This was a mistake that we'll try to rectify in future letters.
- #2. More information needs to be in the newsletter ----  
What kind of information are you looking for?



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#3. There was no dollar amount mentioned for the dues ----

Guess we assumed everyone knew they started at \$40.00

#4. Who do you contact and how ----

We'll try to put board members names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses in our letters, starting with this one.

This input was great, we don't know how we're doing until we hear from you, so please keep it coming.

Coming up:

## **BOAT SAFETY CLASS**

WHEN: June 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

WHERE: The Webster Library in the Community Room.

To take the class you need to call Larry Ralston at 269-423-8810 no later than June 11th and give him your information, i.e. Name, Address, DOB and Phone Number. The class has been well attended in previous years so call early and make sure your name gets on the list. Remember, if you were born after 12/31/78 you are **REQUIRED** to have a valid boating certificate to operate any watercraft in Michigan. This applies to people from out of state too. This class will meet that requirement. This class isn't only for the kids, grownups could benefit too, like studying to renew your drivers license when you have to take the test.

## **ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC**

WHEN: July 17<sup>th</sup> Starting at 12 noon

WHERE: Red Woolfe Park Pavillion (Public beach) Games and prizes for adults and children.

WHAT DO YOU BRING: Your Association is again furnishing everything but dessert and we've had some suggestions that it would be nice to have dessert. So, if some of the members would bring a dessert????? Kind of a dessert pot-luck if you will. As mentioned in the February newsletter, if you'd like to volunteer your help at the picnic give Jan Roeder a call (number below), she's Picnic Chairman this year

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Jan hopes to do a little door to door schmoozing this Spring and Summer, either as a "Hi, how are you?" to members or "Hi, we'd like you to be a part of our organization" to non-members.

## **DRY HYDRANTS**

Fire Chief Barney Ives informed us that things are moving right along. He has all the paperwork from the DEQ-DNR (you name it) and as soon as it's approved the fire department will be ready to move. We have four sites, one at the access at the end of 47<sup>th</sup> Street, one on the big channel off of Lakeview and one on the big channel off of Delta, plus one at the public access off of 47<sup>1/2</sup> Street. There's also a possible site on the vacant lot owned by Decatur Township, on Lake Drive. He's still looking for a place on 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. Anybody?????

## **BASS FISHING CONTEST**

Pre-registration is required before midnight Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>. You can register after May 10<sup>th</sup> at J&S Hardware downtown, or at Timber Trails RV Park on 47<sup>1/2</sup> St. See the Decatur Republican after the 10<sup>th</sup> for more details.



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As promised:

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## WEED CUTTER

Jr. & Bob along with help from Wayne Potter (a full time resident now) have started getting the cutter ready. At the time of writing we're pretty excited that Wayne thinks he might sign on. Jr. & Bob are excited too, they weren't looking forward to doing it alone again this summer. The guys are giving it another coat of epoxy gray paint and making sure everything is in working order. The old girl needs to be coaxed along. Don't forget; when you see them out cutting this summer give them a wide wide berth. Even small swells rock that monster back and forth and we don't want to lose our crew overboard.

We've tried to make this a friendlier, newsier letter, let us know if we succeeded.

## AND FINALLY

We checked this out at <http://boat-ed.com/mi/handbook/whob.htm> (we've had several complaints) and you should probably pay attention to this since MI needs money and if it isn't from the registration fee it could be from a fine or both. ♦ "Vessels registered in another state may operate on Michigan waters for 60 days before a Michigan registration and numbering is required.

Larry hopes he'll see you at the boating class in June and your Board hopes to see you at the meeting/picnic in July. Pencil it in on your calendar now so you don't forget it and please send back the RSVP's with your name on them. We need to know how many adults and children to plan for so there's enough food for all. Board member elections are on the agenda.

A special thanks to our former President Billy Satterfield, for running off the copies of the newsletters. It cuts our cost down to a fraction of what we'd spend if we had someone like Kinko's do it.

The only thing that's left is the list of paid members and you'll find that on the next page.

## FROM YOUR BOARD - HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND A SAFE ONE

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**(\*\*) for new member**

Mr. & Mrs. E. Bartholomae  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bathje  
Mr. & Mrs. M. Beenes  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Boersma  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Buenz  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Burke  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Butt  
Mr. & Mrs. K. Craft  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Creagan  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Davia  
Mr. & Mrs. B. Edenfield  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Falduto  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Feather  
Nick Filipoff/Fran Novak  
First State Bank  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Fuller  
Grosvenor Law Office  
Mr. Marvin. Grube  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Grube  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Grunden  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Hanna  
Ms. V. Hathcock  
Mr. J. Henk  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Hillegond  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Janiki  
Mr. R. Jareckas  
Ms. S. Johnson  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Karolewski  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Kiss  
Mr. & Mrs. C. Kooy  
Mr. & Mrs. L. Korchak  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Krum  
Mr. & Mrs. P. Lindemulde  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Lindbloom  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Linklater  
Mr. & Mrs. C. Manno  
Ms. Gloria Manuszak  
Mr. Dale Martin  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Martin  
Mr. & Mrs G. Matkatis  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Mattens  
Mr. & Mrs. L. McCurrie  
Mrs. S. McGath  
Mr. & Mrs. M. McNicholas  
Mr. & Mrs. C. Morey  
Mrs. F. Nagle  
Mr. & Mrs. F. Nejman  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Newell  
Mr. & Mrs. S. Pajkos  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Panozza  
Roy Pearson/Marcia Ellis  
Mr. V. Pignatiello  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Pitera



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Mr. & Mrs. L. Ralston  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Richter  
Ms. Jan Roeder  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Rohrback  
Leo Sampsell/Sandy Picklo  
Mr. & Mrs. B. Satterfield  
Mr. Ron Schafer  
Mrs. J. Sheehan  
Ms. K. Siple  
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Smith  
Ms. Dorothy Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Smith  
Ms. Joan Smith  
Mr. W. Thomas  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Thoner  
D. Umphry/A. Easton  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Watkins  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Wolkowitz \*\*  
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