

# Lake of The Woods NEWSLETTER

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## **DUES**

It's the beginning of the year and as promised (or threatened) **DUES ARE DUE**. We've already received some for 2005 and the names will be listed at the end. Just because an assessment is coming up doesn't mean there are no more dues. The first year of weed treatment fees (approximately \$19,000) will be paid for by the Association. We also have to pay for the picnic, membership in the Chamber of Commerce, postage, paper, envelopes, web site, decals and yearly stickers, and I could go on and on. The only thing that's finished is insurance on Workman's Comp, gas and oil, and wages and maintenance on the weed boat. We have included an envelope for you to return your dues, so write out your check while it's fresh in your mind and get it in the mail. Once we have a comfortable bank balance we're hoping to lower the dues.

## **LAKE ASSESSMENT/SIGNED PETITIONS**

We now have over the 51% needed to present to Hamilton Township, and we want to thank all of you who signed when a volunteer came to your door or to those of you that signed and returned the petitions that you received in the mail. This doesn't mean we wouldn't like to have all the petitions signed and returned. Considering the turnout at the Special Meeting in August and the overwhelming support, quite frankly we were disappointed that more people, especially in Decatur Township, didn't return their signed petition. We need everyone to participate in this undertaking, since everyone will benefit. There's still time, and it would be nice to have everyone supporting our efforts, since weed removal will benefit everyone, not just the ones who signed their petitions. To be honest, the biggest reason we went the assessment route is so the same people that always paid their dues wouldn't be the only ones paying to have their lake weed free and everyone else enjoying the benefits. There, we said what most people have been thinking. Before you forget again, get that petition out and get it signed and mailed.

When we had our board meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board met with the Professional Lake Management representative that will be handling Lake of the Woods to go over the next steps in this process. Summer is fast approaching and we want to try and have the lake as clear as possible in the first year. Significant results won't show until the second year.

## **ANNUAL MEETING/PICNIC**

Based on the turn-out and comments made at our last meeting and picnic, we've scheduled another one on July.23<sup>rd</sup> of this year, starting at noon. More details at a later date.

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## **WEB SITE**

If you haven't gone in lately, our web site managers, Craig and Kitty Morey have added a page where you can advertise an item you want to sell or maybe a garage sale. It's all free. If it catches on we might charge a small fee for letting it run for four (4) weeks or less if it sells fast.

## **PAID FOR 2005**

Mr. & Mrs. John Boersma  
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Fulwiler  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Heinrich  
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Kiss  
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Korchak  
Mr. & Mrs. Greg LeCompte  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Martin  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Mattens  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Meserole  
Mr. & Mrs. James Raffae  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ralston  
Ms. Janet Roeder  
Mr. & Mrs. James Rohrback  
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Satterfield  
K. O'Brien/D. Yike

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