

January 2016

This will be the only “paper” notice you will receive and it will be once per year. Other notices and information will be on our new web site at [www.lakeofthewoodsmi.org/html](http://www.lakeofthewoodsmi.org/html) and our facebook at: [www.facebook.com/LakeoftheWoodsMI?fret=ts](http://www.facebook.com/LakeoftheWoodsMI?fret=ts). Only those that do not have access to computers or email will receive a written information notice or a phone call if a situation warrants.

We are continuing our service for the lake weed control with PLM, but there will be no additional taxes for the next couple of years because there is a surplus of special assessment funds available for weed control for both Decatur and Hamilton Townships.

A few of the LOW Board members have been researching lake accesses, road ends, and the illegal construction of piers and boat docks thereon. Back lot owners (owners of lots within a subdivision but not on the shoreline) cannot construct docks or moor boats on the lake bottomland or shoreline. Riparian rights are property rights which run with the land. Only land which abuts a natural body of water has these rights. A riparian property owner has the following property rights: 1. Access to water. 2. In-stall a dock anchored to his bottomland. 3. Anchor a boat on his bottomland or secure it to his dock. 4. Use water from the lake or stream for domestic purposes. 5. Controls any temporarily or periodically exposed bottomland from the water’s edge to the high water mark against trespass.

Address questions or concerns to any of the LOW board members:

President: Bob Richter 773-401-3205 ([efdengr@comcast.net](mailto:efdengr@comcast.net)) V.P.: Jim Neubauer ([jneubauer@catching.com](mailto:jneubauer@catching.com)) Secretary/Treasurer: 269-423-7103 ([sandyatthelake@comcast.net](mailto:sandyatthelake@comcast.net)). If you wish to contribute to the web site or facebook, contact Marcia Ellis at 269-760-2582 ([ellism@wmich.edu](mailto:ellism@wmich.edu)).

Reminders:

Hamilton Township is in the National Floodplain Insurance program as of August 25, 2011. Insurance provided by private carriers at reduced rate through National Floodplain Insurance program is now available. Google: FEMA Community Status Book, click on Michigan,community-Hamilton Township DID #261144.

Before any construction, a zoning permit is required through Charles Goodrich 269-423-7547. He is the Zoning Adm. and will provide you with the phone numbers of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing inspectors.

Rules of the Lake are posted at the Boat Launch area. Everyone should read them lest you forget which direction to drive your water toys and the times of the day for such. Life jackets are required for all water conveyances.

A big THANKYOU to Past President Roy Pearson for his years of service to Lake of the Woods and also to Craig and Kitty Morey for writing and distributing the newsletters; a big job well done.

Up Coming Events:

July 4, 2016 Boat Parade and Fireworks

July 16, 2016 Annual LOW Meeting and Picnic

LAKE OF THE WOODS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
DUES INVOICE FOR THE YEAR 2016

Dear Lake of the Woods Property Owner: Those lakeside  
and those with Deeded Lake Access:

We are changing the dues notification by sending out an invoice  
with a return envelope to all lake property owners as well  
as those who have lake access. This will encourage all to join and also  
learn how to stay informed as to what is happening on the lake.

Dues can be paid by **Check** to the Post Office Box 188, Decatur Mi. 49045 or **Credit Card** on the web site  
at <http://www.lakeofthewoodsmi.org/> (no longer by **Pay Pal**).

To update our records please fill out the form below. This will only be required one time once all data is  
entered into the membership list. In advance, Thank You for supporting YOUR lake.

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## Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LAKE ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAKE: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the following contact info. listed on the membership list on the LOW website:

Email address:

Phone Number:

SERVICE: WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A POSITION ON THE LAKE OF THE WOODS BOARD?  
WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING ON COMMITTEES (picnic, parade, new projects) ?

MEMBERSHIP FEE is still \$10.00 PAYABLE TO LAKE OF THE WOODS IMPROVEMENT ASSOC. **each January.**