

January 2017

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 website at www.lakeofthewoodsmi.org and our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LakeoftheWoodsMI/?ref=bookmarks>

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.

The LOW Riparian Committee has been researching lake accesses, road ends, and the illegal construction of piers and boat docks thereon. The committee has been working with Decatur and Hamilton Township officials concerning these issues. More contact information from this committee will be on our website. Address questions or concerns to any of the LOW board members. Their information is on our Lake of The Woods Improvement Association web page. Also, if you wish to contribute to the website or Facebook, contact Marcia Ellis at 269-760-2582 (ellism@wmich.edu).

Reminders:

Hamilton Township is in the National Floodplain Insurance program as of August 25, 2011. Insurance provided by private carriers at a 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 Administrator for Hamilton Township 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 (counterclockwise) to drive your water toys and the times of the day for such. Life jackets are required for all water conveyances.

The Board of Directors met on December 11, 2016, and various issues were discussed. Dues this year (2017) will be \$30.00. Included in your dues will be a subscription to the *Michigan Riparian Magazine*, which comes out quarterly. The *Michigan Riparian* is the only magazine devoted exclusively to covering current issues relevant to the protection, preservation and improvement of Michigan's inland waters, and to the rights of riparian property owners to protect and enjoy their waterfront property.

- Currently have 185 lake members
- Welcome packet to new members
- Previous stocking in 2010 of LOW with 2914 walleye fingerlings
- October 2016 the PNA fishing club stocked LOW with 560 6-9 inch walleye
- Donation to the town of Decatur for the July 4th fireworks
- Annual picnic with members meeting
- Michigan Lakes and Streams Association dues
- Water safety equipment (shallow buoys and no wake signs)
- Boat parade with prizes
- LOW fishing organization
- LOW dues are in-line with other Southwestern Michigan Lakes

Upcoming Events:

July 4, 2017 Boat Parade and Fireworks
July 15, 2017 Annual LOW Meeting and Picnic

LAKE OF THE WOODS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
DUES INVOICE FOR THE YEAR 2017

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 website at <http://www.lakeofthewoodsmi.org>

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.

(tear off here)

Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME(S): _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
LAKE ADDRESS
(if different from above) _____
PHONE NUMBERS: HOME _____
CELL: _____
LAKE: _____

I would like the following contact information to appear on the membership list on the LOW website: *(Please check one for each)*

Email Address Yes No Phone Number Yes No

SERVICE:

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A POSITION ON THE LAKE OF THE WOODS BOARD? Yes No

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING ON COMMITTEES (picnic, parade, new projects)? Yes No

MEMBERSHIP FEE is \$30.00, PAYABLE TO "LAKE OF THE WOODS IMPROVEMENT ASSOC." **each January.**

Your dues will include a year subscription to the *Michigan Riparian Magazine*, which is published and mailed out quarterly. Please indicate below if you want this magazine mailed to your mailing address or lake address.
(Please check one)

- Mailing address (indicated above)
 Lake address (indicated above)