



January 2020 LOWIA Newsletter and Dues Invoice

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/> then search Lake of the Woods Improvement Association. 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.

Lake weed control again will be with PLM. In 2019, PLM noticed very, very little milfoil, but lots of starry stonewort. This algae has to be spot treated when it is seen, and can only be burned down from the surface to about 5 feet. This usually pops up when the weather really starts to warm up. PLM will be monitoring the lake for starry stonewort among other things throughout the summer.

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. To find more information Google: FEMA Community Status Book, click on Michigan, community-Hamilton Township DID #261144.

Before any construction is done in Hamilton Township, 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. If you live in Decatur Township, your Zoning Administrator is Tommy Simpson. He can be contacted at 269-286-3058, please leave a message.

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 (BOD) met on November 9th, 2019, and various issues were discussed. The BOD meeting minutes are posted on our website. We will again be contributing a to the township fireworks display, replacing safety buoys, and arranging to have a luncheon for the employees of High’s Marine. High’s Marine assists our Association each year with the installation, removal and storage of our safety buoys at no charge. The Association continues to have short (\$12) and long sleeve (\$15) t-shirts available for sale. The yearly dues for 2020 are \$25.00, and you will have the option to receive a subscription to *The 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. We currently have 160 lake members in our association. If any members are aware of any new neighbors that the Association should reach out to, please e-mail us.

Any LOW dues paid, are for the current year in which they are submitted.

Here is the web link to pay membership dues. https://www.lakeofthewoodsmi.org/store/c1/Featured_Products.html

Your dues assist in some of the following:

- Welcome packet to new members
- Health & Water quality of lake
- Previous stocking of LOW with walleye
- October 2017 the PNA fishing club again 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 (no wake signs)
- Boat parade with prizes
- Organized voice for lake-owners concerns
- Maintains the webpage
- Email blasts
- Island/ meet and greet gathering in spring
- Lake Of the Woods attire
- Maintains a Facebook home page

Upcoming Events:

May 24, 2020 island / meet and greet gathering

July 4, 2020 boat parade and fireworks

July 11, 2020 Annual LOW Meeting and Picnic

Support our local businesses that supported your Association

High's Marine

Final Gravity

Hayloft Ice Cream

Warner Do-It Best Hardware Store

Decatur Lumber and Supply

Hard Times Restaurant

Village Market

Mousse Lodge

Aztec Grill

Lake of The Woods Camp

Classic Cuts

Expressions hair and nail salon

Fullers Car Wash

**LAKE OF THE WOODS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
DUES INVOICE FOR THE YEAR 2020**

Dear Lake of the Woods Property Owner: Those who are lakeside and those with Deeded Lake Access:
You will be receiving an invoice with a return envelope for paying your dues. 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/store/c1/Featured_Products.html.

To update our records, please fill out the form below. 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 \$25.00, PAYABLE TO "LAKE OF THE WOODS IMPROVEMENT ASSOC." each January.

As an association member you can receive *The Michigan Riparian Magazine*, which is published and mailed out quarterly. Please indicate below if you want this magazine mailed to your mailing address, lake address, or not at all.

- Mailing address (indicated above)
- Lake address (indicated above)
- I DO NOT WANT the *Riparian* magazine mailed to me.**