

RUSH LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - FALL - WINTER 2022

- The next semi-annual Association meeting is Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 7:00pm. The meeting is held at the Hamburg Community Center located at 10405 Merrill Road. Please attend if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss. All members are welcome to attend any of the monthly board meetings which are the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- Often members need to contact the RLPOA Clerk and that can be done by email, which is the most effective and best way. Please email clerk@rushlakepoa.com with any issues/concerns. You can also call or text the Association phone # at 734-878-0340.
- Updates to the Association website are done on a regular basis. Please visit rushlakepoa.com anytime you want to read about the goings-on of the Association.

Rush Lake 2022 Lake treatments report.

We were successful in our efforts to treat the nuisance weeds and algae issues in the main body of the lake and in all the canals this past summer.

Similar to past years, we had our contractor, Lake Pro complete extensive surveys of the lake where nuisance and invasive weeds were present. From these surveys, a plan was put in place to proactively treat the problem areas.

In the Moon Shadows canals, the recommendation was made to treat the canals earlier and in a consistent timeline manner. Microalgae treatments were completed on May 10th, June 7th, July 11th, and August 1st. This effort and timeline kept the canals in good shape through the Labor Day holiday.

In the main body of the lake, we had extensive treatments completed on May 17th and July 21. The July 21st treatment was exceptionally effective at clearing out a large growth of pondweeds along the eastern and southern shoreline areas.

Some important points that we would like to share with all lakefront and RLPOA association members are as follows:

- The state of Michigan DEQ permits does not allow us to treat nuisance weeds across the entire lake. Working with the Lake Pro team, we identify the areas of greatest growth and treat those areas.

- We are allowed to treat invasive weeds anywhere in the lake. (This is primarily Eurasian Milfoil.)
- When we complete an extensive treatment in the main body of the lake, we usually see effective results for approximately seven to eight weeks before the weeds start to pop up again. (We strive to keep the lake in good shape from late May through the Labor Day holiday.)
- Treating lily pad areas are difficult because of the tuber growth of the lily pads. Property owners who see lily pads grow along their shoreline are encouraged to use tools or rakes to pull up and remove these tubers from the sediment to effectively treat those areas.
- In total, the association invested approximately \$40,000 on lake and canal treatments in 2022.

Association Updates:

Board Members have been busy throughout the summer and accomplished many things. The stairs and railings at Hillside Park have been repaired and repainted, road signs have been fixed and replaced as needed, and our lawn mowing service has done a wonderful job keeping up with the parks as well. The shed at the top of Hillside Park has been cleaned out and organized, which hadn't been done in quite some time so that's awesome.

Board members are all volunteers, so we want to thank those that were involved to accomplish these items.

Collections:

The collections committee for the Association has been very successful and many past due accounts have been collected.

Please remember that association fees are due on January 1st, and if not paid by April 30th will be considered delinquent. Once delinquent, any unpaid balance will have a 10% penalty added on May 1st. All fees, assessments and penalties are subject to a lien against the property, and on June 1st a notice of pending lien will be sent to delinquent accounts. On July 1st, a lien will be filed with the Livingston County Register of Deeds. On October 1st, delinquent accounts will be turned over to a collection agency.

Parks:

We had an issue with flooding at Sunset Park, but this was resolved with grading and gravel. As many of you know, the last storm caused extreme damage to two of our parks. Currently, the two parks are closed for safety purposes. A tree at each park has been cut up and the wood removed. We have concerns about the park benches and picnic tables and their condition. Fence damage also occurred so we are asking that you refrain from using both Sunset and Lakeview Park until all repairs have been completed. I'm sure next spring will be wonderful,

and parks will be back in full swing. A reminder that fall is here, and the porta potties and trash containers have been removed from all three parks within the association.

Also, there is a lending library established at Sunset Park. Association members Mike and Ronda Duran have spent time setting this up. Please take a look and borrow or contribute any books you feel would be appropriate. Thank you, Mike and Ronda!

Roads:

Board members have been working diligently on our roads to keep up with all conditions caused by the weather. We have a wonderful company that we work with who also helps us in ways to maintain and keep the roads in good condition.

Boat Launch Gate:

Please know that there are times that we have issues with the gate at the top of Hillside Park. Patience is asked of anyone trying to open the gate and having trouble. Repairs are costly and forcing the gate open is not helping with this. Please email or text the Association clerk if you have issues, before trying to force the gate open.

Winter will be here before we know it, so.....

Reminder that when the boat launch gate at the top of Hillside Park is disabled for the winter, the bottom gate at Orchard will be open for winter sports activities.

Also, please remember to put any plow sticks in to protect your lawn and help the snowplow drivers. Snow is plowed when we get over 3" of snow. Please avoid parking in the road when snow is predicted so the snowplow does not have trouble getting down every road within the Association.