



# Rush Lake News



## Spring - Summer 2021

Rush Lake Property  
Owners Association

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### **IMPORTANT SEMIANNUAL MEETING**

Because of the Covid 19 restrictions, the semiannual meetings scheduled for the spring and fall 2020 were both cancelled. No semiannual meeting has been held since October 2019. Also, all regular monthly Board meetings since March 2020 have been held via Zoom.

The Board has scheduled the 2021 spring semiannual meeting to be held outdoors, on the lawn of Hamburg Senior Center, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please bring chairs, masks, and, perhaps, bug spray. ...

...If there is inclement weather on that date, the meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled.

... Please check the RLPOA website for any updates about this meeting, including info about any possible rescheduling .

...It is extremely important that all members attend because there are many large issues to be addressed – including a proposed bylaw change.

### **BOARD MEMBER CHANGES**

Since the last semiannual meeting in October 2019, two Board vacancies (those held by Lois Pecia and Fred Clough) have opened and needed to be filled.

Sue Holcomb and Mike Marsh volunteered to be appointed to fill these vacancies, and so the Board, appointed them to fill these vacant positions.

The Board, and of course all RLPOA members, are very appreciative of Sue and Mike for volunteering to serve on the Board.

Also, the Board, and all members, owe a debt of gratitude to board member Fred Clough, who resigned because he moved out of the area. The Board, and all members, thank Fred for the years of dedicated service he gave to the Association. He professionally handled all park issues. We all wish him, and his wife, Nancy, well.

***“The truth is found when men are free to pursue it.”***

Franklin Roosevelt

### **RLPOA WEBSITE: MORE VALUABLE THAN EVER!!!**

Particularly during these difficult and changing times, access to current information is more important than ever. and the RLPOA Website is the best place for members to obtain this relevant information quickly and easily.



Simply go to:

**rushlakepoa.com**

### **1<sup>st</sup> LEGAL JUDGMENT**

**The Board is pleased to announce that our latest aggressive collection efforts, has just produced, after a trial, our first court judgment against a delinquent account. ... It is particularly significant because it involved a rather large delinquent account. .... This is further proof that our new collection strategies are indeed working!**

**Upcoming  
Meeting Dates  
Semiannual Meeting  
Thursday  
June 3, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**Hamburg Senior Center  
Lawn  
Bring Masks, Chairs, Bug spray**

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, -July 7, 2021  
6:30 p.m. (if needed)

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 4, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 1, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

**Semiannual Meeting  
Wednesday  
October 6, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

For the present time, all regular  
monthly meetings will be held  
using Zoom.

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**2020 - 2021  
Officers**

President: Christina Letzring  
Vice President: Jerry Lasecki  
Treasurer Peggy Pietras  
Secretary Joe Grech

**Board Members**

Sue Holcomb  
Mike Marsh  
Cindy Oesterle  
Jack Partridge  
Pam Sevonty

Association Clerk  
Teresa Kinter  
734-878-0340

**LATE NEWSLETTER**

This 2021 SPRING/SUMMER  
newsletter normally would have  
been published earlier, in late  
last April.

...However, because of the  
uncertainties created by Covid-  
19, it was necessary to send it  
out in late May. The next  
newsletter, FALL/WINTER  
2021, will be sent out in late  
September, just before the next  
Semiannual Meeting scheduled  
for early October.

**CONTACTING**

**THE CLERK**

Often members need to, for  
a variety of reasons, contact  
the RLPOA Clerk.

The simplest, and most  
effective way to reach the  
Clerk, which is also the most  
efficient way she can deal  
with any issue, is for you to  
simply send her an email. This  
way, she has a clear, written  
picture of your concern, and  
can, therefore, most efficiently  
deal with it.



Simply send a concise email  
to:

[clerk@rushlakepoa.com](mailto:clerk@rushlakepoa.com)

***One cannot step  
twice in the same  
river.***—Heraclitus

**EMAIL BLASTS**

The association Board  
has worked over the past  
several years to improve  
communication to our  
membership.



An important tool we use is  
email blasts. We send out  
emails to our members for  
whom we have addresses  
whenever we need to  
communicate an important  
message (i.e. upcoming  
herbicide treatment, lost  
articles, police reports, water  
testing, etc.)

If you have not signed up to  
be on our email list, please send  
a request to:

[clerk@rushlakepoa.com](mailto:clerk@rushlakepoa.com)

***Park Lights***

Should you ever notice that  
the park lights are not on at  
night, please call the hotline:  
(734-878-0340), or email the  
Clerk: [clerk@rushlakepoa.com](mailto:clerk@rushlakepoa.com).

The Board appreciates  
the members who have  
taken the time to alert the Board  
to the situation. Without the  
member's help, the Board  
might not realize a light is out  
so they cannot make  
arrangements  
to have the light repaired.



**“Patience is the  
companion of  
wisdom”**

St. Augustine

***Hello Rush Lake Property Owners:***

***My name is Christina Letzring and I have been president of your board for a year, elected after Lois Pescia's retirement. I have lived on Rush Lake for 34 years.***

***This has been a difficult year for all with many changes. I want to assure you that your board has been busy conducting business as usual with zoom meetings every month. Members are welcome to join the zoom meetings.***

***I look forward to our June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting a 7pm at the Hamburg Senior Center. It will be held out doors for safety and to comply with CDC rules. Bring a chair, face mask and bug spray.***

***Due to the pandemic we were not able to hold our semiannual meetings in May and October of 2020. This means we will have many items to discuss at our June meeting. Lake quality, Roads and Parks being on the agenda. Many projects are in the works already for this spring and summer. Needless to say the cost for maintaining Lake, Roads and Parks is increasing. We will discuss our future plans for moving forward to make sure that Rush Lake is a wonderful and desirable place to live and raise our families.***

***I look forward to meeting you at the semiannual meeting.***

***Have a safe and wonderful summer while enjoying our Lake and three parks.***

***Be Kind to Others***

***Chris Letzring***

## NIGHT TIME BOATING

People who enjoy boating after dark need to be extra cautious because sometimes there are people fishing on the lake.

Although the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recommends that every boat display a white light while adrift at night, not everyone does. Boaters need to slow down to minimize the risk of a collision. Along with reducing the risk of an accident, slowing down will help to lower the noise level and be less of a disturbance to others.

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## Don't Force The Gate

While it is inconvenient if your boat launch key won't open the gate, the answer is not to force the gate open. If you encounter a problem with the gate, please call the hotline (735-878-0340) and someone will contact you as soon as possible.



The Board realizes it can be very frustrating when you have made plans to use the boat launch, but forcing the gate will only result in costly repairs and more inconvenience for everyone.

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# 2021 Lake treatments and Improvement Plans

As we start implementing our planning for lake treatments for 2021, we have learned that there will be a new team from Lake Pro that we will be working with.

Our new contact will be Tyson Wood who has worked with Lake Pro for several years and has been very “hands on” with our lake the last few years.

Because of deadlines to get this newsletter published, we cannot give the specifics on initial treatments since the first lake and vegetation survey will be taking place the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>.

In conversations with Tyson, we expect to have similar treatments in the main body of the lake to treat milfoil, pondweeds, etc. This treatment will probably take place the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Since our area experienced a mild winter with minimal ice cover, we expect that vegetation growth is already taking place in the main body of the lake and the canals.

In the spring of 2020, there were strong dosages of herbicides that were applied in the north and south canals of the Moon Shadows area.



In the north canal, the herbicide “Clipper” was used to control algae, milfoil and curly leaf pondweed. The 13.5 acres were treated at a cost of \$3,480.

In the south canal, there was extensive Eurasian Milfoil. This is an invasive plant that can spread easily and choke out an area. In 2020, the recommendation was to use a herbicide called “Navitrol” for the eight acres. This product goes right down to the root level and is very effective in treating this growth. The cost for this treatment was \$1,710.

Once the survey is completed, we will determine if we should use “Clipper” in both canals.

Looking ahead to future treatments, we expect to have a heavy application in the main body of the lake in late June and there will be additional algae treatments in the MSHOA canals in the summer.

Updates on lake improvement applications are always posted on our website: [rushlakepoa.com](http://rushlakepoa.com).

Property owners should also keep in mind that areas of the lake that are treated will have a posting left on their property indicating restrictions to swimming, watering, etc. There are times when you may see the Lake Pro boat on the lake and if your area is not affected, you do not need to worry about restrictions.

At our June general membership meeting, the board will introduce a by-law change to increase annual dues. Dues have remained the same for 2019, 2020 and 2021. In order to continue investing in maintaining a high-quality lake for boating, fishing and swimming, the board seeks your support in approving the increases. These additional funds will cover rising herbicide expenses for treatments.

The actual vote for the increase will take at our October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## ***PARK USE IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY!***

Please remember that our parks are only for the use of members and their guests! All of the substantial costs of maintaining these facilities are paid for by the Association.

It appears that nonmembers have been holding parties at our parks. This conduct should be discouraged.

Please keep this in mind when enjoying our wonderful parks. Also, pass this word along to your friends.

If you see any things that that are out of place or need to be fixed in our parks, be sure to notify our clerk, preferably by email.

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## **DRIVING A GOLF CART ON MICHIGAN ROADS**

To legally drive a golf cart on Michigan roads - which includes all of the roads within the Rush Lake area, the cart must be:

- "street legal" i.e. having all the equipment needed to drive on a highway
- The driver must be licensed to drive a car
- The vehicle must be licensed and insured.

## **DANGEROUSLY DRIVING BOATS!**

A constant problem on the lake are boats that are driving dangerously! We all need to do our part to help keep our lake safe for everyone.

The Board urges all members using the lake to immediately call the police when they see any watercraft driving in a dangerous way.

If everyone would take this action consistently, our lake will become safer than ever!

### **REMINDER ABOUT SPRING BURNING**

In the spring, burning is only permitted in the months of April and May. Therefore, this year's permitted spring burning will end in just a few days.



## **Please Take A Minute...**

With the busyness of summer, we often forget that our Association parks have a few rules in order to make them pleasant places for us all to enjoy. Please take a minute to review what our bylaws have to say about the parks.



- Parks are closed at 11:00 p.m.
- No boats shall be stored or moored within the fenced area of a park.
- No boat shall be stored or moored by chaining to the fence of a park.
- No boats shall be anchored in the swimming area.

Consideration should be given by park users and swimmers from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. the following morning so to not disturb the neighbors.

# WHO MAY OPERATE A BOAT, OR A PWC = JET SKI - WAVE RUNNER

## WHO MAY OPERATE A BOAT:

Those **less than 12 years of age** :

- may legally operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) without restrictions.
- may legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp, but no more than 35 hp, only if they:
  - have been issued a **boating safety certificate** and have it on board; **and**
  - are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
- may not legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

Those **born on or after July 1, 1996** may legally operate a boat only if they have been issued a **boating safety certificate** and have it on board.

Those **born before July 1, 1996** may legally operate a boat without restrictions.

## WHO MAY OPERATE A PWC /JET SKI – WAVERUNNER:

Those **less than 14 years of age** may not legally operate a personal watercraft (PWC) (ie. jet ski, wave runner).

Those **14 and 15 years of age** may legally operate a PWC if they have obtained a **boating safety certificate**; **and is**

- accompanied on board by their parent, legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age; **or**
- operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from their parent, legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age.

Those **at least 16 years of age and born after Dec. 31, 1978** may legally operate a PWC only if they have obtained a **boating safety certificate**.

Those **born on or before December 31, 1978** may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

## PLEASE DON'T FEED THE WATERFOWL

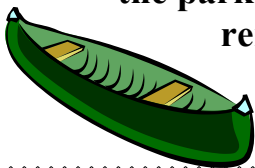
Waste produced by waterfowl can be a significant source of nutrients in the lake. Research has shown that one Canada Goose can contribute approximately a half pound of phosphorus to a lake each year. When you multiply that by the number of geese that are on the lake, a huge amount of phosphorus is added, causing an increase in plant and algae growth in the lake.



Particularly in locations where the geese gather, e-coli counts can rise making the water unsuitable for swimming, fishing or boating.

Besides the negative effects for the lake, feeding the waterfowl prevents them from consuming a balanced diet which can lead to wing deformity in goslings. In addition, when humans feed the waterfowl, they lose their fear of humans, and can become very aggressive, especially during nesting season.

**No trailers or boats are to be stored in any of the Rush Lake Parks. Items left in the parks will be removed.**



## Don't Let Your Dogs Run Free

In accordance with the Michigan State Leash Law, dogs are not allowed to run free.

Please respect your neighbors and their



property by keeping your dogs on a leash. ... ..

...Also please consider the safety of your dog by not allowing him to run free.

For further information about enforcement of the leash law, contact the contact the Livingston County Animal Control 517-546-2154.

## No Boats In Swimming Areas

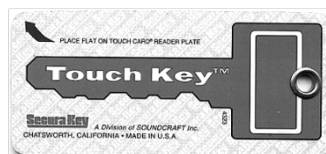
A number of members have expressed their concerns over the boats that come into the swimming areas at all three parks. According to Michigan boating laws, it is illegal to operate your boat in a restricted area that is marked by buoys. Our swimming areas are clearly marked by buoys, and yet, some people simply ignore the buoys. Please let's keep our children safe by keeping boats and jet skis out of the swimming areas!

## No Power Loading

Please do not power load your boat at the boat launch. Strong currents from the boat's propeller can cause severe erosion and wash out the end of the boat ramp. Please always winch your boat onto your boat trailer.



## Check Your Key!



*Be sure and take a few minutes to check your key to make sure it is activated before you are ready to launch your boat.*

*Even though you may think your key is active, it never hurts to check just to be sure.*

*It will save a lot of disappointment and frustration if you take the time to check it now.*

## Please do not



## play on buoys



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**Mailing Label**

**Association  
Semiannual Meeting**

**June 3, 2021 7:00 p.m.  
Hamburg Township Community  
Center  
10405 Merrill Road**

***---ON THE FRONT LAWN---***

**Agenda Items To Be Discussed**

**Parks                      Lake  
Roads                      Elections  
Proposed Bylaw Change  
Any Additions To The Agenda**

