



# Rush Lake News



## SPRING 2017

Rush Lake Property  
Owners Association

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### ***COURTESY WHEN ANCHORING YOUR BOAT***

We continue to receive complaints about boats being anchored close to shoreline property for extended periods of time. This is annoying to shoreline residents trying to relax in their yards. It's important that boaters be considerate of others while anchoring close to shore. Sometimes we forget how our boat's closeness to the shore affects the well being of nearby homeowners.

While boating regulations can control a lot of activities on the water, there are some things that these regulations don't cover: simply showing simple courtesy to others. Sometimes the leisure of members on the shore is disrupted by boaters that choose to park their boats close to, and directly in front of, their shoreline residences.

When parking your boat on the lake, please consider the impact that may have on the feelings of the shoreline residents.



### ***CHECK IT OUT!***

As always, the RLPOA website is chock full of information important to the entire Rush Lake community.

- A partial list of what our website contains is:
- community photos
- neighborhood news
- Hamburg blight information
- back issues of newsletters
- minutes of Board meetings
- Association Bylaws
- updated information on the condition of our roads, lakes, and parks

Just give it a try, and you will be glad you did.

Just go to [rushlakepoa.com](http://rushlakepoa.com) for an exciting experience!

### ***IMPORTANT ASSOCIATION CLERK***

#### ***INFORMATION***

The Association Clerk is an important member of the RLPOA. team.

Here's some things members need to know relating to our Clerk:

1. **new email address:** the clerk has a new, faster, and more secure email address: [clerk@rushlakepoa.com](mailto:clerk@rushlakepoa.com)
2. **best and fastest way to communicate with her:** the most efficient method of contact is via a simple email rather than a phone call.
3. **Receiving notices of current events and happenings:** simply email the Clerk that you want to receive notices of important current information
4. **Receiving our newsletter via an email:** simply email the Clerk informing her that you wish to get the newsletter via an email rather by normal mail

# ***Upcoming Meeting Dates***

## **Semiannual Meeting**

**Wednesday,  
May 3, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 7, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 5, 2017  
6:30 pm (if needed ).

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 2, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the  
Hamburg Community Center on  
Merrill Road.

## **2016 - 2017 Officers**

President Lois Pescia  
Vice President Eric Schaufele  
Treasurer Lex Kinter  
Secretary Joe Grech

## **Board Members**

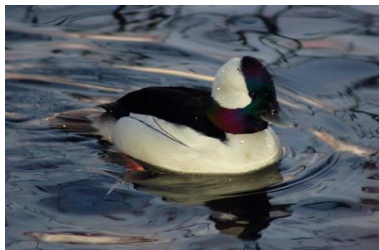
Fred Clough  
Christina Letzring  
Peggy Pietras  
Pam Sevonty  
Steve Smith

## **Association Clerk**

Teresa Kinter  
734-878-0340

## **ANIMAL CORNER**

### **THE BUFFLEHEAD DUCK**



For a short time each spring and fall, Rush Lake bird watchers see a comical black and white group of creatures that float on the water, suddenly leap forward, disappear below the surface, only to pop up a while later nearby.

Those who have been fortunate to have seen this display have watched the semiannual goings-on of bufflehead ducks.

These delightful ducks are small sea ducks who enthusiastically throw themselves forward when diving for small fish and invertebrates. While under water they use their wings to “fly” quickly through the water and catch their prey.

They get their name because the male’s “puffy” head is reminiscent of a buffalo’s head.

Fortunately, each spring and fall, they migrate back and forth through Rush Lake on their way to and from lower Canada and America’s South.

## **THANK YOU**

### **MEMBERS!!!**

The Board is always very appreciative of the help our members give to help our Rush Lake community



As we all know, the recent severe wind storm caused extensive damage around the lake – especially to bushes and trees.

Many of our members pitched right in to cut up the many broken trees and limbs that this storm downed onto private properties and into the lake

The Board is very thankful to all of those who were a part of this significant effort

## **ALERT!**

**Remember that a late charge of 10% will be charged for any dues received after the 30<sup>th</sup> of April!**





## *No Boating in Swim 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!

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## **EASILY PAY YOUR DUES**

The Association has arranged for members to be able to pay their dues by charging their credit card or debiting their checking account. Get points and miles galore!

It's easy, quick, and fun (well, maybe not really "fun"), but easy and quick it truly is!

Just email the Association Clerk for details at:

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

## **Things That Have Washed Up?**



There have been numerous reports during late winter and early spring of items washing up on member's beaches. During some of our windier days, reports were received of docks and boats having broken away and later washing up on someone else's beach.

Presently a member has a **pink and grey "River Drifter" blow-up boat** is his garage waiting for owner to claim it. It washed ashore last fall.

If something washes up on your shore, or you are missing something, please email the Clerk at [clerk@rushlakepoa.com](mailto:clerk@rushlakepoa.com).

## **JOB OPENING!**

**The Board of Trustees is currently looking for someone to work for pay for the Association doing odd jobs. These jobs could range from installing signs and posts to cleaning a catch basin. If you are willing to do a variety of tasks, this may be the job for you.**

**If you are interested, please email the Association Clerk at: [clerk@rushlakepoa.com](mailto:clerk@rushlakepoa.com)**

## **While boating this season, let's all remember the 100 foot rule!**

According to the boating laws, one is not to operate their boat or personal watercraft at greater than slow-no wake speed if the vessel or persons being towed are within 100 feet of a shoreline, any moored or anchored boat, any marked swimming area, or person(s) in the water, a dock, or a raft. Slow no wake speed is the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering and does not create a wake.

Boats and personal watercraft are also supposed to operate in a counter-clockwise direction, except in areas marked by well-defined channels.

These two laws are probably the most disregarded parts of the boating laws. Let's keep all of the boating laws in mind during the upcoming boating

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## **DOG POOP REMINDER!**

Some folks walking their dogs in our parks have been leaving behind bags of dog poop. We appreciate that members are picking up after their pets, but please don't leave any waste behind when leaving.

Let's keep our parks neat and clean so we all can enjoy them!



## Is Your Key Activated?

As always, your account balance must be paid in full before your key can be activated. If you are not sure if your balance is paid in full, or the amount, please email the Association Clerk at: [clerk@rushlakepoa.com](mailto:clerk@rushlakepoa.com).

Please leave your name, property address and a telephone number. Someone will be in touch with you.

If you recently moved in and the previous owner left their key, please email the Clerk to let us know you have the key. When any property changes ownership, the old keys are deactivated until we can determine if the new owner, in fact, has a key.

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## Nighttime 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 thus be less of a disturbance to others.

## Don't Leave Shore Without Them!

The U.S. Coast Guard requires that all boats must have at least one Type I, II or III PFD (personal floatation device) for each person on board. The PFD must be in good and useable condition and easily accessible. They also must be properly sized for each person.

If a boat is less than 16 feet long, or is a canoe or kayak, Michigan's PFD law permits one to choose to have either a wearable PFD or a throwable PFD (Type IV) for each person.

For boats over 16 feet long, one Type IV PFD must be onboard and easily accessible in addition to the above requirements.

Children under six years of age **are required to wear** a Type I or II PFD when riding on the open deck of any boat, according to Michigan law.

Each person riding on or being towed behind a personal watercraft **must wear** a Type I, II or III PFD.



## Boat Launch Key Floats

Boat launch key floats are available for purchase. These floats may be purchased at any meeting for \$2.00 each. If you would prefer one sent to you, the cost will be \$4.00 each.



## 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. This fall the gate needed numerous repairs some of those which appeared to be caused by someone forcing the gate to get it open. If you encounter a problem with the gate, please call the Association hotline (734-878-0340). Someone will contact you as soon as possible.

The Board realizes it can be a real problem 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.

## Remember!

**Outdoor burning is permitted only in the months of April & May, and then in October & November, of each year, according to the Hamburg Township Burn Ordinance.**

## Did You Know?

The Trumpeter Swan is the largest native waterfowl species in North America. It also has a wingspan of more than seven feet and a height of about four feet, making it a truly spectacular sight.



## ***Hold That Fertilizer!***

Before you fertilize your lawn this year, think about where that fertilizer will eventually end up. Most of us are within the watershed for Rush Lake and consequently what we put on our lawns usually will eventually end up in the lake.

If you fertilize your lawn, consider that you also will be fertilizing the lake. Those same nutrients that help your lawn to be lush and green will also help the plants in the lake to grow. If you feel the need to fertilize, have your soil tested first to determine what, if anything, that you really need. You might also consider planting native species as they are suited to this area without needing fertilizers.

Just remember any fertilizers that you put on the lawn will also feed the aquatic plants in the lake.

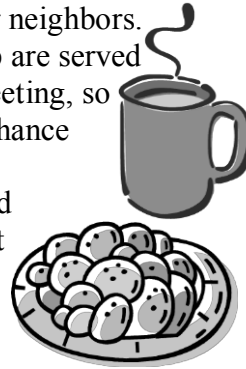


***Please do not leave boat trailers or boats stored in any of the parks or park areas. These items will be removed if left in these areas.***

## **Meet New Friends**

The Rush Lake Semiannual Meetings are great places to meet your friend and neighbors. You'll discover that we all have a common interest in Rush Lake. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. May 3, but registration opens at 6:30 p.m. Coffee and cookies are available along with the chance to chat with your neighbors.

Pizza and pop are served following the meeting, so everyone has a chance to talk about the current issues and to meet and greet new friends!



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## ***Don't Let Your Dogs Run Free***

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



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

## ***Leaves Of Three Let It Be!***

We all want to avoid poison ivy and the very unpleasant effects it can have on our bodies.

Remember poison ivy can be a woody shrub or a vine with hairy looking aerial roots that can grow along the ground onto trees, walls, fences or trails. It has three, dull or glossy leaves hence the old saying "**Leaves of three – Let it be.**"

The leaves can be slightly lobed and a short stem sets off the end leaf. Poison ivy flowers from May through July and has white or gray hairless fruit that develops between August and November. If not eaten by birds, this fruit can remain on the plant until the following spring. In the fall, poison ivy leaves will turn red.



Be sure to be on the lookout for this plant so you can protect yourself and your family.

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## **LOCK YOUR CARS!**

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Hamburg Township Police



recommend that all members be sure to lock their vehicles and their homes. It is also wise to not leave valuables in your vehicles, or at least make sure they are out of sight. Members can help prevent these theft crimes by taking some simple preventive measures.



**Rush Lake Property Owners  
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**Mailing Label**

**Association  
Semiannual Meeting  
May 3, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Hamburg Township  
Community Center  
10405 Merrill Road**

**Agenda Items To Be Discussed**

**Roads  
Lake**

**Parks  
Website**

**Elections**

**Any Additions To The Agenda**

**Registration and Social Time  
6:30 p.m.**

***Just A Reminder!***

***Account balances must be  
paid in full by April 30, 2017,  
or a 10% penalty will be  
applied to all unpaid  
balances.***

***Payments must be  
postmarked by April 30,  
2017, or they will be  
considered late, and a  
penalty will apply.***