



Rush Lake News



Summer 2016

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Owners Association

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IMPORTANT BYLAW CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON AT OCTOBER 5TH SEMIANNUAL MEETING

The following bylaw changes were proposed at the May semiannual meeting and will be voted on at the October 5th Semiannual Meeting:

Each member with property serviced by a gravel road will be assessed an annual fee of \$128.00 in 2017, \$138.00 in 2018 and \$148.00 in 2019 per taxed parcel for road maintenance and dust control.

Each member with lakefront property, either their own property, or ownership in a common use marina, will be assessed an annual fee of \$118.00 in 2017, \$123.00 in 2018 and \$128.00 in 2019 per taxed for lake improvements and maintenance.

Each member with off lake property will be assessed an annual fee of \$40.00 in 2017,

\$42.00 in 2018 and \$44.00 in 2019 per taxed parcel for lake improvements and maintenance.

Each member with canal front property (residing on Scotia Road or Baudine Road) will be assessed an annual fee of \$80.00 in 2017, \$85 in 2018 and \$90.00 in 2019 per taxed parcel for lake improvements and maintenance.

The current and proposed fee structure is below. Your current total is in the left column.

CURRENT	2017	2018	2019
\$108.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$114.00
\$110.00	\$116.00	\$118.00	\$120.00
\$114.00	\$116.00	\$118.00	\$120.00
\$145.00	\$150.00	\$155.00	\$160.00
\$183.00	\$188.00	\$193.00	\$198.00
\$185.00	\$190.00	\$195.00	\$200.00
\$201.00	\$206.00	\$216.00	\$221.00
\$216.00	\$228.00	\$240.00	\$252.00
\$218.00	\$230.00	\$242.00	\$254.00
\$253.00	\$268.00	\$283.00	\$298.00
\$255.00	\$270.00	\$285.00	\$300.00
\$257.00	\$272.00	\$287.00	\$302.00
\$291.00	\$306.00	\$321.00	\$336.00
\$293.00	\$308.00	\$323.00	\$338.00
\$295.00	\$310.00	\$325.00	\$340.00

Don't Let Your Dog Run Free



According to the Michigan State Leash Law, it shall be unlawful for any owner to allow any dog to stray unless held properly in leash. This law has various exceptions, but basically dogs are not allowed to run free. The Association members need to keep this law in mind and be sure that their dogs do not run free. It is also courteous while walking your dog to clean up after your dog so as not to leave messes everywhere. Please take care of your dog and don't allow him to run free, not only for other people's sake but for the safety of your dog.

For information or enforcement of this law, please contact the Livingston County Animal Control 517-546-2154

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday,
July 6, 2016
6:30 pm (if needed)

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday,
August 3, 2016
6:30 pm

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday,
September 7, 2016
6:30 pm

**Semiannual meeting
Wednesday,
October 5, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

All meetings are held at the
Hamburg Community
Center on Merrill Road.
Members are welcome to
attend any of the meetings

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.



THANK YOU!

A special Thank You goes
to several members who have
worked especially hard on
behalf of our association:

--- Scott Schwerin and Mike
Tompkins for their hard work
over several days raking and
clearing leaves from the
bottom of the lake at
Lakeview Park.

----Pam Sevonty, a Board
member, for her extraordinary
efforts in getting the stairs and
decking at Hillside Park
cleaned and refurbished, and
also for her working with a
road grader to have our roads
regraded with new material.

We all appreciate their
exceptional efforts.

2015 - 2016 Officers

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

Board Members

Fred Clough
Christina Letzring
Peggy Pietras
Pam Sevonty

Association Clerk

Teresa Kinter
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Spinning your tires. Doing
donuts in the roads. These are
actions that cause us to have
to spend more to maintain our
roads. When someone spins
out, they create ruts in the
roads, which will eventually
become potholes.

If you are guilty of this
type of driving, then we ask
you to slow down and be
more cautious. For those of
us who may witness this type
of driving, try and get a
description of the driver and
vehicle along with a license
number. Please call the
Hamburg Township Police
(810-231-9391) and report
these actions. The police will
talk with the drivers and
owners of these vehicles to let
them know this is not
acceptable.

Let's all work together to
not only make our roads safer
but also to save ourselves
money.

Sign Up Today!

If you haven't already
signed up for Association
emails, you may be missing
out on important updates,
news, or information. To be
added to the list of recipients,
please send an email to
rushlakepoa@yahoo.com and
ask to be added to the list.

2016 Lake Treatment ... and Harvesting Plans

Here are the lake treatments and harvesting plans for summer of 2016:

The past very mild winter was a significant factor in a very early spring growth for the nuisance weeds growing in our lake. By the third week of May there was significant growth in all canals and in several acres of the main body of the lake. In working with our lake consultant and herbicide treatment company, we aggressively treated these areas with herbicides per our DEQ permits. The work was completed by May 26. In total our expense for these treatments was \$21,855.

Our next major project is planned for the week of June 27th. We will be using the same weed harvesting company that we used the past two summers. The harvester is used to cut and harvest weeds in the main part of the lake that we are not allowed to treat per DEQ restrictions. The actual date for this work is weather dependent. Like last year, we plan on having the equipment used stored at the Hillside boat launch area. The estimate for this work is approximately \$9,000.

Last summer, some property owners contracted for additional work near

their docks and shoreline. If you have an interest in contacting the contractor, his name is Mike Mogle and can be reached at (239) 272-8219. Any work done by Mike is performed after the Rush Lake project is completed and is completed via an agreement between the private property owner and him.

As we move into the balance of the summer season our contractor will survey the lake to determine what additional herbicides may be needed to fully enjoy the lake and canals. Actual work will be dependent on needs and budget resources

We all appreciate their exceptional efforts

Nighttime Boating

People who enjoy boating after dark need to be extra cautious as sometimes there are people fishing on the lake – even at night. 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 lower the noise level and thus be less of a disturbance to others.

The bullfrog is the only animal that never sleeps.

Mr. Macho is Back!



Good News! Mr. Macho, the main resident male swan, is back on the lake, although he is alone.

Last summer, his female mate of many years died of unknown causes leaving him to care for their two signets. Although one of them died, Mr. Macho successfully raised the remaining signet to adulthood.

Although swans do indeed mate for life, sometimes the surviving mate will find a new mate, although this may take many years to happen.

Two other swan pairs have successfully hatched a brood on the lake this year, and can be seen around the lake.

We're very interested in seeing if Mr. Macho finds a new wife before he returns next year. We're searching for an internet dating site that might help him find just the right mate. Time will tell

A REMINDER ABOUT FIREWORKS

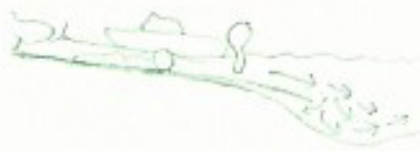
With July 4th coming up we need to remember that fireworks cannot be used except on the day before, the day of, and the day after, a major holiday. Also, fireworks may not be used in any of our parks.

Please use any fireworks carefully and responsibly

Is A Child's Life Worth Saving 42 Seconds?

The speed limit on all of the Association roads including Rush Lake Road is 25 mph. Far too many people go much faster than that but do you realize if you go 35 mph instead of 25 mph for the distance of one mile, you save 42 seconds? Just 42 seconds is all that you gain by going 10 miles an hour over the speed limit for one mile! With so many children in the area, is that 42 seconds really worth speeding for? Please, let's all slow down and spend that extra 42 seconds so our children will be safer!

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. This can also cause damage to boat trailers and eventually cause serious damage to the boat launch resulting in costly repairs. Please always winch your boat onto your boat trailer.

Did You Know?

Nature will recycle some things given enough time. Did you know it takes 1 million years for a glass bottle to naturally decompose?



Monofilament line – 600 years
Plastic bottles – 450 years
Aluminum – 400 years
Plastic six pack rings – 400 years



diaper

Tin – 100 years
Plastic foam cup – 50 years
Biodegradable

– 1 year

Waxed milk carton – 3 months

Newspapers – 2 – 6 weeks

School's Out! Please Drive Carefully!



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 flotation device) for each person on board. The PFD must be in good and useable condition and easily accessible. They must also 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.



Did you know geese prefer fertilized grass over unfertilized grass?

Are You Ready To Go To Jail For A Prank?

Mailboxes are considered federal property! There is a federal law that makes it a crime to vandalize mailboxes. Vandalizing includes injuring, defacing or destroying any mail deposited in the boxes. Violators can be fined or imprisoned for each act of vandalism.

Instances of vandalism have been reported in the area and one wonders if people are aware of the seriousness of tampering with the mail or mailboxes. This type of vandalism is not just a minor prank, it is serious business!

Parents, please be sure to talk with your children about vandalism of any kind. Make sure they understand the consequences. Oftentimes, children just view these things as a harmless prank but in reality, this can be very serious.

If you should see anyone tampering with any mailbox, please report them to the local postmaster. Your cooperation helps stop this type of vandalism. Let's all work together to help keep the Rush Lake neighborhood a great place to live.



Swimmer's Itch

Have you ever had a rash that you thought was poison ivy although you had no idea where you may have picked it up? Maybe it wasn't poison ivy at all but a case of swimmer's itch.

During late May through early June, or sometimes even later in the summer, there is a parasite present in some waters that is responsible for swimmer's itch. While the parasite normally only infects birds, snails and semi-aquatic mammals, it sometimes can penetrate a human's skin. Once in the skin, the parasite dies off and causes an allergic reaction within a couple of hours, which resembles poison ivy. Some people do report a tingling sensation as the water evaporates from their skin following swimming. This sensation is caused by the parasite burrowing into the skin but may be the only clue one may get until they break out with red spots.

Once one breaks out, the spots will usually reach their maximum size within 24 hours but the itching may continue for several days or even up to a week. There isn't much that can be done once you have the rash although some people treat the itching with lotions or creams.

One can reduce their

chances of being infected by toweling off briskly immediately after swimming or a better option is to take a shower immediately and then towel off. Swimming in deeper water away from the shore can help avoid the parasite and also try to stay clear of areas where snails have accumulated. Others have found applying a water repellent such as petroleum jelly, waterproof sunscreen or other skin oil prior to swimming has helped to prevent the parasite from penetrating their skin.

Call 911

Hamburg Township Police have asked the RLPOA Board to advise members that should they see boating violations this summer, they need to call 911. If members can obtain the MC number of the boat and a description of the driver, this will help in identifying the boat and driver. Even when unable to issue a ticket, the officers will often speak with both the owner of the boat and the driver to advise them of the complaint. At various times this summer, the officers will also be patrolling on the lake itself. By working together, we can keep Rush Lake safe for all to enjoy.



Just A Reminder!

Account balances must be paid in full by July 1, 2016, or a 10% penalty will be applied to all unpaid balances.

Payments must be postmarked by July 1, 2016, or they will be considered late and a penalty will apply.

Please do not



play on buoys!



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