



# Rush Lake News



## Summer 2018

Rush Lake Property  
Owners Association

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### ***LATEST COLLECTION EFFORTS SUCCESSFUL!***

The aggressive collection efforts to collect delinquent dues are underway and are already yielding results. Just recently a owner with a lien on his property (from unpaid dues and penalties) wrote a check for \$11,000 to RLPOA.

This was the result of not paying any dues and the additional penalties associated with their negligence. As we have shared in recent newsletters, the RLPOA has the right per State of Michigan Law Act 137 to collect dues for maintenance of the lake, park, roads, etc.

Property owner's delinquent in paying their bills will be notified that a lien has been placed on their property. This prohibits property owners from selling or remortgaging their property until the dues and penalty is paid and the lien is released.

Property owners with a lien and continuing to be delinquent will be turned over to a collection agency.



This process negatively affects credit rating, which increases their auto and home insurance rates.

Current 2018 fees were due April 30<sup>th</sup>. At last count, as of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 448 of 545 members were paid in full. The other 97 are delinquent and will be addressed as noted above.

*Laughter is the  
shortest  
distance  
between two  
people*

### **SEMIANNUAL MEETING HELD**

The May 2<sup>nd</sup> semiannual meeting dealt with some very important issues:

Firstly, a vote was held to approve a Bylaws change which would clarify the Board's responsibility to maintain the "boating areas" of the Moon Shadows development. The members overwhelmingly voted to make this Bylaw change.

Also, two new members were elected to replace departing Board members, Eric Schaufele and Lex Kinter, who recently resigned. Gerry Lasecki was elected to fill Eric's upcoming new three year term, and Jack Partridge was elected to fill the remaining two years of Lex's term.

The Board, and certainly all RLPOA members, are appreciative of Gerry and Jack for stepping forward to volunteer their time fill these vacated seats.

## **Upcoming Meeting Dates**



Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 1, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 5, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

**Semiannual Meeting**  
**Wednesday,**  
**October 3, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

### **2018 - 2019 Officers**

President Lois Pescia  
Vice Pres. Christina Letzring  
Treasurer Peggy Pietras  
Secretary Joe Grech

### **Board Members**

Fred Clough  
Gerry Lasecki  
Jack Partridge  
Pam Sevonty  
Steve Smith

**Association Clerk**  
Teresa Kinter  
734-878-0340

## **THANKS TO ERIC AND LEX!**

The Board, on behalf of all RLPOA members, want to sincerely thank Eric Schaufele and Lex Kinter, for their tireless efforts over many years while serving on the Board.

Eric has been on the Board for two three-year terms, and served as Vice-President for almost all that time.

Lex has served for about 15 years, and served as Treasurer for approximately the last 5 years.

Both have spent many, many hours serving our community, without pay, and at their own personal sacrifice.

Because of personal commitments, recently both have had to resign from the Board.

The Board thanks them and wishes them well!

*Did you know there  
are about 25,000  
different species of  
fish alive today?*

## **LAKE TREATMENT UPDATE**

On Tuesday, June 12, Lake Pro was back on the lake and canals treating for algae and nuisance weeds. This was the second and most extensive treatment planned for 2018.

In the main body of the lake, herbicide treatments were completed on the southern, eastern and northeast shorelines. This area covered 28 acres. Along the southern and eastern middle part of the lake, 17.2 acres were treated for Eurasian Milfoil.

All 16 acres (except the swim beach area) of the Moon Shadows canals were treated for algae and herbicides.

The expenditure for this massive treatment was \$25,076. Couple that amount with a May 7<sup>th</sup> treatment of \$6,344.50 and you can see that the lake fund has spent \$31,420.50.

This leaves some dollars in the budget for a late summer/early fall treatment.

## **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 end up in the lake. If you fertilize your lawn, consider that you also will be fertilizing the lake. If you feel the need to fertilize close to the lake, consider having your soil tested first to determine what, if anything, that you really need.

Also, consider planting native species as they are suited to this area without needing fertilizers.

Remember any fertilizers that you put on the lawn may also end up feeding the aquatic plants in the lake.

## **Vandalism**

Please call 911 if you see any vandalism taking place in the parks. While it is helpful to call the Hotline so the Board is aware of it, your first call needs to be to 911.

Remember even though the parks belong to the Association, YOU are the Association so they are your parks and we need to protect them just as we would our own yard.



## **Sign Up Today!**

Nowadays, almost all of us use the internet and email. As you know your Board relies on these services virtually every day. We are able to make your life easier by permitting you to receive both your newsletters and your annual dues statement by email. Also, if you wish, we will email important updates, reminders, and developments as they arise.

Also, members that use this paperless newsletter service are saving the Association mailing costs.

If you wish any of these services, please contact the Clerk at 734-878-0340.

## **LOCK YOUR VEHICLE!**

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. Members can help prevent these theft crimes by keeping an eye out for criminal activity. If you should see anything out of the ordinary, please call 911.

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

Poison ivy can be a woody shrub or a vine with hairy looking aerial roots that can grow onto trees, walls, fences or trail along the ground. 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. In the fall, poison ivy leaves will turn red.

If you think you have touched poison ivy, rinse your skin with cool water right away. Then, wash it with soap and water. Rinse your skin well. Do not use hot water because it may cause the oil to spread on your skin. You may also put rubbing alcohol or a solution of 1/2 alcohol and 1/2 water on your skin. This may help your rash to be less severe when it breaks out on your skin.



## ANIMAL CORNER

### ***SNAKES***

Eighteen species of snakes are found in Michigan and they are an important part of our state's ecosystems. Snakes can survive in a variety of habitats such as forests, grasslands, lakes, rivers, marshes, farms, and cities. Seventeen of these species are non-venomous, with the only venomous snake being the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake.

Snakes belong to the reptile family along with turtles, lizards, crocodiles, and alligators. Reptile young are hatched from shelled eggs or born alive and are essentially miniature versions of their parents. Reptiles depend on the outside environment for body heat because they do not produce it internally.



Snakes are one of the most misunderstood and feared of all animals in Michigan. Snakes are fascinating members of Michigan's wildlife community that, if given the chance, will avoid contact with humans. Snakes do not chase, attack, or otherwise, approach humans.

All snakes can be avoided with simple precautions when visiting natural areas. Snake species that consume rodent or insect pests are beneficial to agriculture. All snakes play a role in the natural environment by contributing to ecological systems as predator and prey.

Take and possession of Michigan's native reptiles and amphibians are highly regulated. See the current Fishing Guide for these important rules and a list of protected species.

Snakes can best be conserved for the future by providing for their habitat needs and then simply leaving them alone.

### **MR. MACHO IS MARRIED AGAIN!**

"Mr. Macho", the long standing resident male swan on the lake, who became a widow several years ago, is a parent again!

After two years of grieving over his lost mate, this year he returned with a new "wife" They built a nest and became proud parents of two beautiful signets. In mid-May they brought their brood out onto the lake.

Unfortunately, nature can be cruel, and they lost both babies – apparently to turtles. You can see them around the lake, but "babyless" for this year.

Hopefully they'll be back next year and be able to raise a successful brood!

### **CHECK IT OUT!**

As always, the RLPOA website is chock full of news, photos, minutes of meetings, and other interesting info about our lake and our community.

Please give it a try. You will be



glad you did. Just click on:

**[www.rushlakepoa.com](http://www.rushlakepoa.com)**

for an exciting experience!

## ***Don't Feed The Geese!***

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 on a regular basis, it can add up to a lot of phosphorus, which will cause an increase in plant and algae growth. E-coli counts can also rise in areas where geese gather, making those areas unsuitable for swimming, fishing or boating.

Besides the negative effect that feeding the geese can have on the lake, feeding waterfowl does not help them consume a balanced diet, which can lead to wing deformity in the young. Feeding can also cause overcrowding, which will allow diseases to spread easily and possibly result in massive waterfowl die-offs. Geese no longer will see the need to migrate if they are fed so they will stay in an area longer, creating more problems.

People who feed the waterfowl quickly learn the draw-backs of having a flock of geese living in their yard. Do enjoy the waterfowl, but please refrain from feeding our beautiful, but dirty, animal friends.



## **Please Slow Down!**



The speed limit for most of the roads in the Rush Lake area is 25 mph, but very few people seem to observe that speed limit. A number of members have expressed concerns over the speeding that seems to be commonplace on our roads. People seem to have forgotten that we have children walking on our roads and we all need to be extra cautious to avoid a tragedy.

If we do observe someone continually speeding, try to get a description of the vehicle and driver along with the license plate number, and report it to the police. The police won't be able to ticket someone based on your report alone, but if enough people call, the police will be more likely to investigate the complaints.

So, please, if you do see someone continually causing a dangerous situation in our neighborhood, don't hesitate to report them.

**Please Do Not  
Move or Play On  
The Swim Buoys!**

## **WANT TO SAVE SOME MONEY?**

The low rates offered all RLPOA members for trash pickup by Advanced Disposal is still available. Although this offer is NOT endorsed by your Board, information about it is provided for your consideration.

The details have been set forth in the past two Newsletters.

Just contact:

[barry.mcbride@advanceddisposal.com](mailto:barry.mcbride@advanceddisposal.com)

to sign up.

Check it out – you may find it right for you!

## **WASHED ASHORE!**



A large, brand-new looking tube has washed up on a member's shore.

Contact the RLPOA's Clerk – either by phone or email - if it's yours.



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Mailing Label

***PLEASE DON'T GO  
THE WRONG WAY!***

Are you going  
the wrong way?  
By Michigan boating laws,  
boats must travel in a  
counter-clockwise direction!



***PLEASE DON'T GO  
THE WRONG WAY!***

***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  
neighbor 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 or enforcement of this law,  
please contact the Livingston County  
Animal Control 517-546-2154.