



Rush Lake News



Winter 2017

Rush Lake Property
Owners Association

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VERY SUCCESSFUL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The important Fall 2016 Semi-Annual Meeting was well attended and very successful. It accomplished several important goals:

Three by-law changes were approved, which included:

- a badly needed, modest increase in dues for the roads and lake improvement.
- a change in the delinquent date for dues to read that dues received after the 30th of April each year will receive a 10% penalty.
- adding motor vehicle and boat mooring restrictions in all three parks
- giving the board reimbursement rights for damage done by homeowners to RLPOA property.

Elections were held which gave two existing board members (Pam Sevonty and Fred Clough) new three year terms. Also, Steve Smith was elected to fill an empty board seat.

Finally, many other important issues were discussed by the members and the board.

Members are urged to attend our next semi-annual meeting to be held May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

**A Smile is understood
in any language.**

Road Markers Appreciated

Our snowplow drivers truly appreciate everyone who placed markers along the sides of the road this winter. The markers help the drivers to easily locate the edges of the roads.

Also, these markers can benefit the homeowner.

- it can avoid the snowplow's destroying the edges of lawns bordering the road .
- if the homeowner places a stick on each side of his driveway, it helps the snowplow driver see exactly where the driveway is located so he doesn't dump a pile of snow right in the driveway.

These sticks can be purchased from any hardware store. Also, you can use sticks trimmed from trees in your yard.

NEW DUES SCHEDULE APPROVED AT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING			
IF CURRENT,	2017	2018	2019
\$108.00	\$110.00	\$112.00	\$114.00
\$110.00	\$112.00	\$114.00	\$116.00
\$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	\$211.00	\$216.00
\$216.00	\$238.00	\$240.00	\$252.00
\$218.00	\$240.00	\$252.00	\$264.00
\$253.00	\$278.00	\$293.00	\$308.00
\$255.00	\$280.00	\$295.00	\$310.00
\$257.00	\$282.00	\$297.00	\$312.00
\$291.00	\$316.00	\$331.00	\$346.00
\$293.00	\$318.00	\$333.00	\$348.00
\$295.00	\$320.00	\$335.00	\$350.00

Rush Lake Property Owners Association
Income & Expense
 January through December 2016

Income	
Lake	30,167.27
Operations	30,161.54
Park	7,211.71
Road	32,499.26
Total Income	100,039.78
Expense	
Lake Expense	40,350.00
Operations Expense	32,683.80
Park Expense	11,370.59
Road Expense	41,551.25
Total Expense	125,955.64
Net Income	(25,915.86)

Rush Lake Property Owners Association
Summary Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2016
Dec 31, 16

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	59,032.65
Accounts Receivable	-707.62
Total Current Assets	58,325.03
TOTAL ASSETS	58,325.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	1,143.38
Total Current Liabilities	1,143.38
Total Liabilities	1,143.38
Equity	57,181.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	58,325.03

➡ CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED! PAY BILL ONLINE! ⬅

The Board is pleased to announce that they have arranged for members to be able to pay their dues quickly and easily online while using a credit card. Members will be able to connect with a special secure RLPOA site, where their dues can be paid by just a few clicks of their mouse. Simple and easy!

Just email the Clerk at rushlakepoa@yahoo.com for details.



**Mark Your
Calendars!
Upcoming
Meeting Dates**

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
6:30 p.m.

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

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

2016 - 2017 Officers

President Lois Pescaia
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

**FUN ON THE
LAKE**

About ten years ago, when we moved to Rush Lake from sunny California, we were constantly met with comments from locals like "Are you crazy?", "Have you just escaped from a mental institution?" and, "Don't you realize we have winters here?"Ah, and yes, indeed, there are winters. However,.....



The winter snow is, itself, so beautiful on the trees, plants, and homes.

The winter sunsets have a special texture and beauty.

....And, of course, skiing is available within just a few miles away.

But we Rush Lakers have many other wintry benefits. This winter has provided us with some particularly wonderful slick ice. So we've seen:

--many skaters (including a few pick-up hockey games), having a great time,



--snowmobilers out in full force racing around the lake,

--kids, of all ages, being pulled on sleds and just having fun sliding around,

--as always, fisherman setting up their huts and loving

a summertime pass time even when everything is frozen,

--folks just out for a walk across a glistening sheet of ice,

We are truly blessed. Enjoy!



**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 rushlakepoa.com for an exciting experience!

**Lipstick
& Fish Scales**

Did you know when you put on some lipsticks you are actually putting fish scales on your lips! The silvery substance in the scales of herring and certain other fish is called pearl essence and is used in lipstick, nail polish, paint, ceramics and costume jewelry.



Boat Launch Keys Have Been Deactivated

All boat launch keys have been deactivated and will be activated for the 2017 season when your account balance is paid in full. Although we will activate your key as soon as we receive your payment, we do not get the mail every day. During the busy part of the season, we will go to the post office at least twice a week with one visit being Thursday afternoons. Payments are only accepted through the post office box or at meetings.

If you should lose your key, we will provide a replacement for \$15.00. Although these keys are nearly indestructible, if yours should break, return the pieces and we will replace it at no charge.

If you have any questions, please call the Association hotline 734-878-0340.

Please remember that the cleared area next to the boat launch gate at Hillside Park is for parents to park while waiting for the school bus. During the winter, the parents need a safe area to park and wait for their children. Please keep this area open for them!



**NO
PARKING**

Please Don't Block The Road



Parking in the road during the winter months can create problems if the snowplow needs to come through. The area of the road you are parked on will not be plowed, narrowing the road considerably and making it difficult for others to get by. Be a good neighbor and don't park in the road during the winter months.

Also remember to remove trash cans and other items from the roadway during the winter. While the trash companies will often dump your cans into the roadway, be sure to remove them as soon as possible so they don't block traffic or the snow plows.

Icy Roads

While the association does contract for the application of road sand during icy weather, it is expensive so sand is provided for the members' use at Hillside Park. Oftentimes just a small amount of sand applied in an area will alleviate the problem and keep us from needing a full sanding.


There is a pile of sand at the Hillside Park just to the left of the gates.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The Board, and we're sure all members, want to welcome the following new families who have moved to our wonderful lake during the past year. We encourage all members to get to know your new neighbors,

Baker
Beier
Berry
Brenneman
Cash
Czubaj
Edick
Frey
Jamrose
Kraft
Lemay
Lindblade
Nagorny
Partridge
Robert
Sexton
Smith
Soulliere
Wilkerson
Williams
Vanderwal
York
Youtsey



A good way to forget
your troubles
is to help others

Lock Your Vehicle!



Hamburg Township Police recommend that all members be sure to lock their vehicles and your homes. It is also wise not to leave valuables in your vehicles, or at least make sure they are out of sight. A number of vehicle break-ins were reported in the Association this past year with many items being stolen.

Members can help prevent these instances by keeping an eye out for suspicious activity in your neighborhood. If you should see anything out of the ordinary, please call 911. The police would rather be called and have it turn out to be nothing, than not to be called and discover later that it was something serious.

Missing Something?

A pink and grey River Drifter blow-up raft has washed up in Rush Lake. If you are missing one, please call the Association hotline 734-878-0340.

Is The Ice Safe?

A simple answer to this question would be "no", the ice is never really safe", but with care and caution, one can venture out on the ice without any mishaps.



❖ Wait to walk out on the ice until there is at least 4 inches of clear, solid ice. While thinner ice will usually hold one person, ice thickness can vary during the season so by using four inches as a guide, it will provide you with a margin of safety.

❖ Test the ice ahead of you with an ice spud.

❖ Children should always be supervised while on the ice.

❖ Snowmobiles and ATV's need at least 5 inches of good, clear ice, while cars and light trucks need at least 8 - 12 inches.

❖ Take a pair of wooden handled screwdrivers or ice picks with you while on the ice. Screwdrivers with wooden handles will float instead of sinking should you drop them, and they will aid you in pulling yourself up and onto the ice should you fall in.

Consider carrying a length of rope with you to use if someone else should go through the ice.

ALERT



The recently enacted bi-law modifications changed the date dues are assessed a 10% penalty.

Now dues received after April 30th of each year will be delinquent.

Please keep this in mind when reviewing your annual dues Invoice.



Sign Up Today!

The Association sends periodic updates, reminders or notices of interest to members via email. If you would be interested in receiving these emails, please send an email to rushlakepoa@yahoo.com and request to be added to the list.



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Mailing Label

Be sure to see the front page of the newsletter for a chart showing the recently enacted new dues schedule. Also, remember that dues are now delinquent if received after April 30th!

Mailbox Areas Need To Be Cleared

Just a reminder:
It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep the area in front of their mailbox cleared of snow and ice. The Association is responsible for the maintenance of the area roads, but each property owner must maintain the area directly in front of their mailbox. Mail delivery will be terminated if the boxes are not kept accessible.

