



Douglas Lake Improvement Association Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April, 2007

In the spring I usually receive a request to remind everyone of the dangers of over fertilizing their lawn. This reminded me that I was not happy with my brown, or what there was of it, lawn last summer and that this year I needed to take action to remedy the situation. So with that in mind and also with the personal desire to protect our lake I will take Tip of the Mitt's advise which is printed in a separate article in this newsletter. Sounds like a plan to me, wish me luck – I really did hate all that brown stuff last summer.

This past winter the Cheboygan County Planning and Zoning Department began work on the Zoning Ordinance in reference to shared waterfronts. We have some but not many shared waterfronts on the lake. The new guidelines that they are looking at are published later in this newsletter. For more information you may log on your computer and go to www.cheboygancounty.net/Planning/index.htm.

In our December issue I promised you a review of last year's annual meeting and that is also included in this issue. The date has not yet been set for this years meeting but I am looking at having it earlier in the summer, maybe late July or very early August. Hopefully this would be more convenient for our out of state younger association members whose school age children return to school in early August. I feel that it is time for the next generation to become familiar with the DLIA in order that in they will understand the principles of the association and be ready, willing and able to assume the responsibilities that go with the territory. The earlier date however, is somewhat regulated by what is available for the meeting space. The UMBS is really our first choice.

Remember to save the 19th of August. It's time to celebrate our associa-

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A review of the 38th Annual Meeting of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association Held on August 9, 2006

During the course of the meeting committee reports were heard from:

Dick Segrist, who has been monitoring the water quality for Tip of the Mitt. Dick demonstrated the device he uses to monitor the lake clarity down to 65 feet, fifteen years ago, the clarity ended at 11-12 feet; this year it was 15-16 ½ There was more clarity due to the increase of zebra mussels and this trend will continue.

Sandy Segrist, our previous merchandise manager. Sandy thanked her committee: John Kurkjian, Anna Nows (who will have the merchandise through the winter), Dick Segrist, and Sara Hartman.

Walter Nows, our governmental representative reported that MacArthur Road and Brill Road will now be served by the Inverness Fire Station which may affect the insurance of the residents of these roads.

Paul Nows in his Pike Marsh Report informed us that as there were so few fry in 2006 they will not do a count in 2007 but will resume counting in 2008.

Mark Paddock, chair for the environmental committee, in giving his Loon Nesting report stated that two nesting rafts were placed, one in North Fishtail Bay and one in Maple Bay. There were no babies in Maple Bay and one baby survived in North Fishtail.

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With a shared interest in Douglas Lake and the surrounding area, the UM Biological Station (UMBS) cordially invites DLIA members to the special events outlined here. For more information about these activities, please visit the UMBS website at <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs>. You may also call the Ann Arbor office at (734) 763-4461 or the Pellston facility at (231) 539-8404.

- [BioBlitz, July 4-7, 2007](#): Researchers and community members collaborate to conduct a species inventory of the UMBS property.
- [Open House at the Field Station, June 30, 2007](#): Get acquainted with this historical and important field station and its many research initiatives and educational programs. The open house at the station (on Riggsville Road in Pellston) is from 2 to 5 p.m.
- [Climate Change Summit, July 26-27, 2007](#): Interdisciplinary group of students from around the country invite a wide range of professionals in science, technology, and politics to discuss this crucial topic.
- [Speakers & Lecturers, 2007 Spring & Summer](#): Come to any of a wide range of interesting lectures at Pellston Biological Station throughout the spring and summer. These include the following dates, topics, and speakers:
 - [Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m.](#): *"Religion & Plant Management: The Pueblo Basis for Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)"* by Anthropologist and Author Dick Ford, Ph.D. from Santa Fe, NM.
 - [Tuesday, August 7 at 7 p.m.](#): *"Contaminated Without Consent: How Chemical Pollutants in Air, Food, & Water Sabotage Human Development & Violate Human Rights"* by Ecologist and Author Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D., an internationally recognized expert on environmental links to cancer and reproductive health.
- [Mini-Courses, June 10-13, 2007](#): Enjoy non-credit, adult mini-courses taught by leaders in their field on a variety of interesting subjects, including *Birds of Northern Michigan* (Mary Whitmore), *Flora of Northern Michigan* (Edward Voss), *Photography in Nature* (Kim and Chris Cerrudo), and *Forest & Landscape Ecology* (Burt Barnes). Visit the UMBS website for information and registration.

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Cheboygan County is working on an amendment to Ordinance # 200 Section 1. 10.4.4

Section 10.4.4 of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No 200 and its three subsections are hereby amended to read in their entirety as follows:

- 10.4.4 Shared Waterfront Assess. In an effort to preserve the quality of water, avoid congestion, and to preserve the quality of recreational use of all waters within the county, any land within this district with frontage on a body of water which provides access to that body of water for more than one dwelling, in addition to the other regulations of this district, shall comply with all of the following waterfront access regulations, whether such waterfront access is gained by joint fee ownership : a common element or a limited common element in a condominium development; a covenant running with the land or an easement benefiting a non-waterfront lot or condominium unit; a lease or license ; or another legally recognized personal or property interest:
- 10.4.4.1 The land providing the shared waterfront access shall have no less than 150 feet of frontage as measured at the ordinary high watermark and shall be no less than 22,500 square feet in area.
 - 10.4.4.2 Except as provided in subsection 10.4.4.3 a total of not more than two dwellings located on either or both the waterfront lot and non-waterfront lots may have legal access to the body of water wither from or over a waterfront lot.
 - 10.4.4.3 For each swelling in excess of two benefited with the legal right to access a body of water from or over a waterfront lot, the land providing the shared waterfront access, in addition to meeting the dimensional requirements of subsection 10.4.4.1 shall have no less than fifty additional feet of frontage as measured at the high water mark and shall have no less than 7,500 square feet of additional area.
 - 10.4.4.4 Any legal access to the body of water over a waterfront lot which benefits swellings located on non-waterfront lots shall have the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

After the April 3rd meeting the above is being revised and changes will be presented at a meeting on April 18th. If you are interested you may want to check out the web site www.cheboygancounty.net/Planning/index.htm. The changes should as we understand it protect the individual property owner and guard against large multi home or condominium congestion of lake front usage. The agenda will be posted and later the minutes of the meeting will be available.

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tion and our lake. We are looking for volunteers to help with the work of this event so if you are interested in helping with this or if you would like to volunteer your time to the association in any way please contact me.

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Once again Beth Reynolds has come to the front and has agreed to be merchandise manager. Many of you will remember Beth and her merchandise, as she was the manager from 1996 to 2000. This time however, she is working with Marilyn Stover. New merchandise has been ordered and the merchandise sale dates will be announced in the next newsletter. Save your money, new items with that lake look are coming soon. A very large Thank You to Anna Nows for selling the DLIA merchandise over the winter months.

See you at the lake, the count down to summer has begun.

Sincerely,



Barbara Wilkinson



Douglas Lake Bar & Steakhouse

"A Gourmet Roadhouse"



Reopens Wednesday April 25th

Wednesday thru Sunday Dining at 5:00 P.M.

Beginning May 23rd open 7 days a week

SPRING PROMOTIONS

Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday

Buy Entrée & Receive the Second Entrée @ ½ price
(with newspaper coupon)

Fridays

DLB'S FRIDAY FRESH FISH NIGHT

Whitefish, Walleye, Perch or Salmon \$19.95

½ off bottles of wine (\$65 and under)

ALL SEASON EVERYDAY

DLB'S EARLY LOON

Between 5:00 - 6:00 (order must be in by 6:00)

Buy One Entrée, Get Second Entrée ½ off

HAPPY HOUR 4:30 TO 6:00

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He also reported that, because of the zebra mussels in the lake, in the future we will probably have no clams or snails. In bringing us up to date on the steward's activity, we learned that they completed the steps and the trails in the Gorge Project. More areas were closed to ATV's and pickup trucks. They plan to build a bridge across Van Creek for walkers and bicycles. They also put in steps at UMBS and cleaned up roads in the Douglas Lake area including 3 miles of US 31.

Barbara Wilkinson read a thank you note from Greta Jankovich who was chosen as the scholarship recipient for 2006.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening was Knute Nadelhoffer, the Director of the UMBS.

Dr. Nadelhoffer spoke about scientific changes in our environment of interest to area residents.

- Efforts at the Station are being made to bring back *Piping Plovers* of the Great Lakes which are near extinction.
- Studies show they are seeing the forest aging faster than normal on the 60 acres studied, that Aspen and Birch trees are dying and being replaced by Maples, Oaks, and Pines.
- Strategies for dealing with regional consequences of global climate change and specifically climate change in the Great Lakes. The UMBS has a 10 year goal of zero emissions of carbon.
- The Station purchased 8 bicycles for students which they call "Carbon Cycles" used for short and long field study trips to reduce the use of cars.
- They are in the process of replacing lighting with energy efficient bulbs.

Linda Alexander presented the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee:

The elected officers for the next two years are President: Barbara Wilkinson, Vice-President: Sue Nelson, Secretary: Betsy Naumer

In closing, Barb reminded members that this is their organization and their input is important. As a cohesive unit, the membership, working through the executive board, should be able to address the concerns and issues of our association with regards to our lake, its surrounding water shed and our organization.

As a thank you to those who attended and for their support and interest, there was an unannounced door prize drawing. After door prizes were awarded the meeting was adjourned.



Editor's Comments

The next newsletter is scheduled for late May early June. If you wish to contribute please forward your articles or announcements to me no later than the May 10th. If possible e-mail the information to me at barbwilkinson@comcast.net, otherwise please type and mail your information to me at P.O. Box 1067 Jackson, MI 49204. We do publish events that are not necessarily D.L.I.A. sponsored as long as it would be open to all or of general interest to part of our membership. Any ads that are in this newsletter will **not** be placed in the next newsletter unless you contact me that you wish a re-run.

Once again in this newsletter you will notice a page of ads, these are the businesses that supported our directory and part of the cost of the directory ad was a one time listing in our newsletter. Consider it as a reminder that these companies would appreciate our business and we certainly appreciate their support. Also, we will publish a list of membership changes in the next newsletter so please let us know of any changes. Thank you.



DLIA dues are ten dollars per year and may be mailed to:

Douglas Lake Improvement Association
 Treasure
 P.O. Box 472
 Pellston, MI 49769

COTTAGE FOR RENT

Moran's Cottage in zone 15 has a few open weeks. Sandy beach and 200 feet NW of the DLB.

Tel. before 5/1 1-317-546-2140 Tel. after 5/1 1-231-539-8301

FOR SALE

Boat for sale: 1989 14ft Lund, 15 HP Johnson, trailer & hoist...\$2,500.

Pontoon for sale: 1985 20ft Pontoon, 25 HP Evinrude Motor...\$1,500.

Call 231-537-4971

John Deere GX345 riding mower, 2005, like new with 48" 3 blade mower, 48" plow blade, wheel weights, chains. \$5,500 (\$8,000 new).
 Phone 487 9394 or 487 1955.

CONTACT LIST WITH SPRING ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS

For comments, problems, suggestions, News letter issues, articles, obituaries, or items to be placed on meeting agendas.

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DLIA Board

Barbara Wilkinson	President
Sue Nelson	Vice President
Betsy Naumer	Secretary
John Perkins	Treasurer
Sandy Segrist	Representing Zone 11
Jayne Morse	Representing Zone 15
Marilyn Smith	Representing Zone 21
Otto Busard	Representing Zone 31
John Kurkjian	Representing Zone 32
Ruth Paddock	Representing Zone 33
Sue Ross	Representing Zone 41
Maureen Lewis	Representing Zone 51
Anna Nows	Representing Zone 61
Holly Gedert	Representing Zone 71
Neil Leighton	Representing Zone 81
Stewart Wilkinson	Representing Zone 91
Katie Haensel	Representing Zone 92
Linda Farmer	Representing Zone 101
Betsy Naumer	Representing Zone 102
Carma Case	Director
Linda Orlow	Director
Beth Reynolds	Director & Merchandise Manager
Marilyn Stover	Merchandise Manager
Paul Nows	Pike Marsh
4 Mark Paddock	Environmental
Nat Wilkinson	Web Master & Data Base
Walter Nows	Governmental



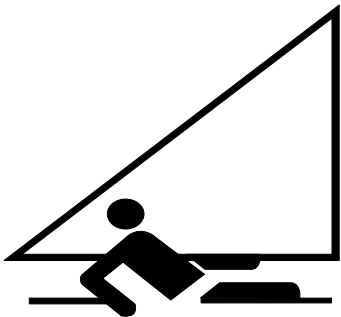
PICTURE THIS ON DOUGLAS LAKE

Grass skirts swaying. Hawaiian shirts parading. Steel drums playing. Polynesian food cooking . . .

**SAVE THIS DATE
AUGUST 19, 2007**



2007 Douglas Lake Sunfish Regatta



This year the regatta will be a two day event! It will be held on July 21-22. There will be a special All You Can Eat- Cajun Shrimp Boil Dinner on Sat., July 21. We are inviting lake residents to join us for this event. The cost will be \$15. Please call Linda Orlow at (231) 537-4484 for more information and reservations.

THE ANNUAL FREE TRASH PICKUP

MUNRO TOWNSHIP IS HAVING ITS GENERAL TRASH PICKUP

**Saturday, May 26
Starting at 7:00 a.m.**

Trash must be household items

WILL NOT TAKE: Organic matter (such as leaves or brush), tires, batteries, large appliances, hazardous waste, large metal items, concrete lumber or pallets.

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS

Let's not litter or pollute our surroundings.



Some of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's Lawn Care Tips for Shoreline Property Guidelines for Shoreline Lawn Care

If you do choose a lawn as your preferred landscape option for your yard, follow these guidelines to minimize your impact on surface waters:

Natural Vegetation

Maintain natural vegetation along the shoreline. Maintaining natural vegetation with trees, shrubs, and ground cover can preserve water quality, enhance aesthetics, and protect your property from shoreline erosion. (For more information on establishing natural vegetation refer to the Watershed Council's Lakescaping brochure.)

Fertilizing Tips

Before applying fertilizer, test your soil to determine which nutrients, if any, are needed. Soil testing is available through your local Michigan State University (MSU) Extension office for under \$10. MSU will return test results with fertilizer recommendations.

If fertilizer is necessary, be sure you're fertilizing only the lawn and not the lake! Use the smallest amount of fertilizer possible to maintain good grass cover. In the spring, use small amounts of a slow release form of nitrogen. This method allows the grass to use the nitrogen and remain vigorous while minimizing the amount of nutrients entering the water. If the lawn is not growing well, apply a very small amount of nitrogen early in the summer. Try not to apply fertilizer before a rain.

Do not use fertilizer containing phosphorus unless a soil test indicates a need for it. Phosphorus is the most critical nutrient in lakes and streams in northern Michigan. Even a small amount of phosphorus added to a lake or stream can stimulate excessive growth of aquatic plants and algae.

Lawn Cover

If you are establishing a lawn, plant a fescue mixture rather than bluegrass. Fescue requires much less nitrogen per square foot than bluegrass. Creeping red fescue is well suited for the growing conditions in northern Michigan.

Grass Length

Do not cut the lawn too short. Recommended cutting height is two to two and a half inches. This allows healthier, greener growth with less fertilizer. Leave grass cuttings on the lawn to help retain moisture and add nutrients to the soil.

Watering

Water the lawn with lake or stream water to keep it green and thriving without the use of fertilizer. Nutrients in the water can be utilized by the grass, reducing concentrations in the lake or stream. A thorough weekly watering during dry spells promotes deeper root growth and healthier grass than light watering. Avoid excessive watering, especially on sandy soils, as it can cause nutrients to leach from the soil and move into surface water.

Pesticides and Herbicides

Avoid pesticide/herbicide and fertilizer mixtures. Since many commercial lawn herbicides can harm aquatic plants and animals if they get into the water, it is better to dig up or live with the weeds. If you decide that weeds must be treated, apply the herbicide in the fall. This will minimize runoff and reduce harm to trees, shrubs, and aquatic life.

Pesticides not only can contaminate water and wildlife, but can cause harm to humans too. Many alternatives to pesticides are available and can be equally if not more effective than pesticides.

Composting

A compost pile located away from the lake or stream is a good way to dispose of leaves and grass clippings. If you don't compost your yard waste, dump leaves, grass clippings, or brush back from the lakeshore. Burning leaves is not recommended, as it causes air and water pollution. If you have a fire ring near the shore, periodically remove the ashes for disposal away from the waters edge.

Professional Care

If your lawn is maintained by a lawn care professional, discuss your priorities for water quality protection with them. Be an informed consumer. Don't let them put anything on your land that will harm your lake.

Consider Alternatives

There are many alternatives to a highly manicured lawn. Preserving or restoring natural vegetation may be more attractive and beneficial. Some other options to consider include a pruned lake viewing corridor, a deck, or a small patch of lawn near your house with a diverse, low-maintenance mixture of trees, shrubs, and ground cover planted in other areas.