

CROCKERY LAKE ASSOCIATION
July 2019 NEWSLETTER
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2019 BOAT PARADE

WINNERS

1. #13 Lucky Duckies - Phil and Melissa Johnson.



Tie for 2nd:

2. #8 Little Boat on the Prairie - John and Marlene Kaufield



2. #12 Day in Paradise - Randy and Karen Peltier



Honorable Mention:

#10 Season's Greetings - Chuck and Linda Lane



FANTASTIC FIREWORKS SHOW WOWS THE CROCKERY LAKE CROWD

The weather was perfect and the fireworks went off without a hitch and right on time! Lots of extra big shots—514-- and a wonderful variety—some new and unusual ones-- carefully selected by Carl Elliott. So beautiful! A big thanks to Tom Ludwick and Carl Elliott who were the pyrotechnicians! And thanks to all of you who generously donated and also made this event possible.

An extra big thank you to all those who helped with:

Making sure the field is mowed and the cows are out of the way ~ Carl Elliott
Set up on July 3 ~ Greg Slater, Rick Humphrey, and Johannes Gjaltema
Clean up on July 4 ~ Greg Slater, Rick and Paula Humphrey, Johannes Gjaltema,
Dennis Arms, Howard Miller, Marilyn Irely, Susan McClure, Larry Groggel, and Andrew
Dinsmore

This was of the greatest help to Carl & Tom.

Pyrotechnicians

After 6 years, Carl and Tom are retiring from the firework business. They have done a fantastic job year after year. They have missed out on some family time on the third to bring you a great show. That being said, if there were a few more who would take the class with Wolverine Fireworks and be on the team it would be an easier job for all. If we do not get any new volunteers it will go back to Wolverine. This will increase the cost of the fireworks to pay them to set them up and off. If you are interested in being on the team, please call Carl Elliott at 887-4203.

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO MAKE THE FIREWORKS POSSIBLE

Here's what goes on behind the scenes to give us a wonderful fireworks show. There is so much time and effort involved!

--**Frank and Carol Gunckel** allow their land be used and abused every year for our enjoyment.

--The Gunckels also gather additional donations and made a sizable personal contribution-- so the fireworks can go on again the next year.

--**Chester Township Firefighters** are there in case anything goes wrong, wetting down the field and watching for grass fires in those dry days. (purely voluntary—no pay).

--**Tom Ludwick and Carl Elliott** (the ones who shot off the fireworks), were there from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m. (that's 15 hours straight!) They had to inventory, clean the tubes, assemble, fill the tubes, and set up the electronics for the grand finale. They were ready for the show at 7:00 p.m then babysat them until 10:30. (forfeiting their own fireworks family time)

~Another big thank you to **Lesha and Nicole Gustin** for making the July 4 Crockery Lake T-shirts available to us. They raised over \$250 for the fireworks. Check out the shirts on the Crockery Lake Facebook page.

Help save our shoreline with native plants

Why Native Plants?

One of the most important components of a natural shoreline are the plants.

The MNSP recommends the use of Michigan native plants for many reasons including:

1. Plants that have local origins are more desirable ecologically than a plant grown from another U.S region even though they may share the same scientific name.

2. These plants are best adapted for providing the root structure needed to stabilize a shoreline and are also adapted to the site and climatic conditions in their natural habitats.
3. There are many animals, birds, fish and other wildlife that are dependent upon specific plants for their survival.

What are Native Plants?

Native plant communities are groupings of many plant species that occur naturally in a given environment. "Non-native" or "exotic" describes species that are present in areas where they do not naturally occur. Plants become non-native when it is "out of place," meaning found outside the area where it originated.

While many non-native plants used in a homeowners' landscape are not harmful, some, called invasive non-native, become serious problems. These plants easily spread to native habitats and displace native species because they have competitive advantages and no natural biological controls to keep them in check. Invasive non-native plants provide little benefit to wildlife because native animals are adapted to use native plants not the foreign invaders.

Websites to check out:

<http://www.mishorelinepartnership.org/plants-for-inland-lakes.html>

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gisresources/lakes/AquaticPlantGuide/ShorelineIndex.html>

Swimmers Ear

There have been reports of swimmers ear this summer from our lake. To prevent swimmers ear put a drop of mineral or olive oil in each ear prior to swimming. If the ear starts to hurt or feels plugged combine equal parts of 70% Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol and white vinegar. Put 5 drops in the ear and leave in for 5 minutes then let it drain. This can be done 3 times a day. Works like a charm. But prevention is better.

Swimmers Itch

There have been no reports of swimmers itch on Crockery Lake. However, if it should happen the best home remedy is to wash with Fels-Naptha soap. It is said to work great.

We Have New Neighbors

We would like to welcome three new residents at this time to our beautiful Crockery Lake area.

1. Al Mills' daughter, Jennifer O'Hara, acquired Al's home after his untimely death. She is a hairdresser, but has been recuperating from surgery so don't ask her for that new hairstyle yet. We welcome you Jennifer and wish you a quick recovery!
2. Jean Schmuker's house was sold to Theresa and Jerome Rogalski. They are busy remodeling and updating the inside before they make this their permanent home. Theresa was head cook at West Catholic and Jerome worked at GM. We welcome them as they prepare to spend their retirement with us!
3. The Muske home was purchased by Brian Gaggin. Brian has three sons, two in Phoenix and the youngest a fighter pilot serving our country. Thank you for your service.

If you have a new neighbor who would like a visit, please call Karen Elliott (616) 887-4203,

New Boating Law Effective 2019

New requirements to stop the introduction and spread of *Aquatic Invasive Species*!



It's the law:

- ✓ **DO NOT** launch or transport watercraft or trailers unless they are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.
- ✓ **DO NOT** transport a watercraft without removing all drain plugs and draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells.
- ✓ **DO NOT** release unused bait into the water.



*Violation of the law is a state civil infraction.
Violators may be subject to fines.*

Follow these steps:

1. **CLEAN** boats, trailers and equipment.
2. **DRAIN** live wells, bilges, and all water by pulling drain plugs.
3. **DRY** boats and equipment.
4. **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash.

www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies

EXCITING NEWS

Linda Lane once again out did herself! She wrote an article about Crockery Lake in hopes of it being published in the Michigan Riparian Magazine. Well, it's going to happen!!! Crockery Lake will be featured on the cover of the Riparian. Her 11 page article will be published in the magazine. ML&SA and Linda are looking at the last draft (hopefully) of her article.

A great big thanks to Linda Lane for taking this task on. A lot of research went into the article. We are so thankful that she was willing to do this for all of us!

I can't wait for everyone to read it !

We will let you know where you can read a copy.

Quote from ML&SA to Linda regarding her article:

Wow!!!! This was such an excellent piece. So well done and so interesting. And the biggest so well written. Thank you for submitting it.

2019 CHEMICAL TREATMENT DATES

7/22/2019 Opt. Weed & Algae, MD Treatment

8/19/2019 Fall AVAS Survey, MD Treatment

DISCOUNTED SEPTIC PUMPING SERVICES

Your family's health and the lake's water quality depends on this. By pumping regularly, you will avoid costly repairs to your system. This is a very important way in which all residents can help preserve the health of Crockery Lake. **Kerkstra's Septic** | 616-209-4472 continues to offer discounted rates to Crockery Lake residents.

Our lake is in trouble and keeping our septic systems well maintained is one of the best ways to save our lake. Please be diligent about your septic system as well as no use of fertilizers on your lawn.

WATER TESTING KITS AVAILABLE

Pick one up from Pat Wolter's porch. Check your water to see if it is safe to drink. Water testing bottles from Alliance Analytical Laboratories were available at the Annual Meeting. Directions come with the bottle. The cost is \$32 to check for e-coli and phosphorus and is paid when the bottle of water is taken to the laboratory at 179 Randall Street, Coopersville. (Check with Pat Wolters or Bob Blauwkamp for sampling kits.)

Crockery Lake Association Board Meeting June 19, 2019

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Blauwkamp, President; Pat Wolters, Vice President; Susan McClure, Secretary; Greg Slater, Treasurer; Dennis Arms; Carl Elliott; Paula Humphrey; Betsy Ludwick
Guests: Karen Elliott, Ellen Slater

2. Approval of Agenda - Carl Elliott moved and Dennis Arms seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions: 1) Pat Wolters provided information about the Ottawa County Conservation District and Benjamin Jordan who writes grant applications; 2) Jody Hyde will request a marine officer to be on Crockery Lake during the boat parade and the following fireworks display; Greg Slater asked we discuss our reactions to the informational meeting

presented by Drain Commissioner Joe Bush and Civil Engineer Ryan Enhill on June 11; Karen Elliott asked we discuss pollinators and appropriate lake vegetation. Passed.

3. **Call to the Audience** - No comments.

4. **Secretary's Report** - The May minutes were approved with Carl Elliott's correction of "mounting racks" to "mortar racks." Secretary Susan McClure said that the numbers for the Treasurer's Report were from the approved Treasurer's Report. Paula Humphrey moved and Greg Slater seconded that the minutes be approved with Carl's correction. Passed. The Secretary will prepare the minutes and mail them electronically to all Board Directors. Within ten days the Directors will make corrections and/or approve the minutes. Five votes of approval are needed before the material can be used. At that point Betsy Ludwick can publish the minutes in the website or use information from the minutes for the newsletter. Susan McClure moved and Betsy seconded. Passed.

5. **Treasurer's Report** - Greg Slater reported that the fireworks invoice of \$4,600 is paid in full. Bob Blauwkamp asked for "proof" that Greg's name should go on the CLA checking account. Board members signed the May 2019 minutes that report that Greg was elected Treasurer. Greg presented a report that reflects that the money collected for dues and the money collected for fireworks are kept in one account at Choice One. A second report shows the monies as two different balances. The total bank balance of 6/18/2019 is \$2141.93. The CLA balance is \$1,191.60, the 2020 fireworks balance is \$950.33.

CLA is a 501.3c non-profit organization. Donations to the fireworks funds are deductible but CLA dues are not deductible.

CLA no longer uses a website for dues/donation collection.

The Choice One bank statements are electronic.

Greg requested a list of members' names.

Betsy Ludwick moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Carl Elliott seconded. Passed.

6. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. Grant Writing: Jody Hyde reported to Pat Wolters that the grant that Benjamin Jordan of the Ottawa County Conservation District wrote for the Crockery Creek Watershed does not cover well replacement.

b. Susan McClure will ask Benjamin Jordan to speak at the July Board Meeting.

c. The Board thanks Jody Hyde for arranging for an Ottawa marine deputy to patrol Crockery Lake for the boat parade and the fireworks display on July 3, 2019.

d. Pat Wolters reported that she received a letter from Stephen Bylsma of Prein&Newhof about the cost of PFAS testing in residential wells. It is \$350. The Elliots said that Chester Township is considering testing the wells at the Township Office but tabled a decision until the July meeting. Betsy Ludwick moved and Carl seconded that Susan McClure write a letter urging the Township to have its well(s) tested for PFAS. Betsy moved and Carl seconded. Passed.

d. Board Members Paula Humphrey, Susan McClure, Greg Slater, and Pat Wolters attended the Crockery Drain Informational Meeting on June 11. The consensus was that the meeting was positive, that Joe Bush urged people to meet with him one on one to discuss the water runoff problem. A question about the turnover rate in Crockery Lake was raised. Pat Wolters will check. Bob Blauwkamp reported seeing a plume of black water flowing out of Little Crockery. It did not smell like manure.

7. **Fourth of July**

Membership Drive: Betsy Ludwick presented updated spreadsheets. Board Members need to also obtain missing phone numbers and e-mail addresses as they collect dues. Karen Elliott provided a membership form which has a receipt which can be torn off and given to the members.

Candles: Pat Wolters has candles. CLA pays \$1.15 per candle. Betsy Ludwick moved and Paula Humphrey seconded that the candles be sold for \$1.25 per candle. Passed.

Boating Rule Books: Pat passed out three items to give to residents as we collect memberships, "The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities," "Eat Safe Fish in Michigan," and "New Boating Law Effective 2019." Pat will get signs supplied by Michigan Lake and

Streams to post at the boat landing. The signs tell boaters how to prevent spreading noxious weeds and animals from lake to lake and of the fines they will incur if they break the laws. Sheriff: Jody Hyde is arranging for a marine deputy to patrol Crockery Lake on July 3.

8. **Directors' Routes** - Directors received their routes. They will have to update names as well as add phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

9. **Welcome Packets** - Karen Elliott prepared a welcome packet. It is not quite the same as the one that was e-mailed to Directors. After Karen distributes the packet, she is to tell the new resident's Board Representative who will follow up with a visit within a month, asking if the new resident has questions about the material in the packet. Carl and Karen Elliott paid for the materials in the packet. Currently there are three new residents needing packets.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Board Meeting

July 17

2532 Crockery Shores

7 pm

DOG ORDINANCE CHESTER TOWNSHIP

Chester Township Ordinance 1993-08-01 states: No person shall: A. Allow a dog to be at large or stray beyond the premises of the person owning, possessing or having charge of such dog unless such dog is held properly in leash, meaning a physical restraint not more than 8 feet in length, or unless such dog is engaged in lawful hunting or hunting practice and accompanied by a person; nor harbor or keep any dog which by loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling shall cause annoyance or be a nuisance to the neighborhood or to any person using any sidewalk or public right-of-way; nor own or harbor a fierce or vicious animal or any animal that has been bitten by an animal known to afflicted with rabies.

Advertisers Corner

Advertising in this newsletter is FREE to Crockery Lake Members.

Advertising for business is \$25/year.

Inclusion of any advertisement in the CLA Newsletter does not equate to an endorsement by the Crockery Lake Association.

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Your ASSOCIATION DUES play a HUGE part in effectively running the CLA program, which promotes education on lake environmental studies, social get togethers, and community awareness programs as well. Many people who receive the CLA newsletter find helpful information and tips on helping our lake survive or for that matter helping each other in one way or the other. We need ALL readers to become members of CLA so we can become more united in our effort to promote a healthy neighborhood, community, and most importantly our beautiful Crockery Lake. Come on folks—please do your part and join the Crockery Lake Association today—it's such a small price to provide a benefit to one and all!

Association Dues: \$35 per household

If you haven't already joined you can mail a check to:

Greg Slater

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