

# APRIL/MAY 2020

## NEWSLETTER

### Crockery Lake Association



#### Helpful Links:

Crockery Lake Website: [www.crockerylake.org](http://www.crockerylake.org)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook/crockerylake](https://www.facebook.com/crockerylake)

### HAPPY SPRING

This is a very unusual spring for our country and our community. Social distancing is our new normal for a while yet. This does make a difference to us as a lake community. We encourage you to still get outside and enjoy the beauty of Crockery Lake.

### Spring Clean-up

We ask that all residents inspect their shoreline for debris and loose objects that could be picked up by rising waters with the spring thaw and eventual rain showers. Organic material such as leaves, sticks, and other yard waste make great fertilizer for the spring weeds to flourish so those should be removed. Timber, dock sections, and even children's toys have been known to travel with the rising waters. We ask for your help, not only to protect personal property, but to help keep our outlet clear of items that could dam up the exiting waters. Thank you for your help and consideration in keeping our lake clean.

### CLA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting usually held in May has been postponed until the quarantine is lifted. This board meeting will still be held at Grose Park and we will keep you informed when a new date is set. We highly encourage you to attend this meeting. Each year we discuss issues pertinent to the well-being of Crockery Lake and the surrounding community. This is your home. Please be a part of the conversation. You must be an association member in order to have a vote but not to attend the meeting. We also elect new board members at this meeting.

## 2020 DUES

Because of social distancing we will not be able to make the rounds and knock on doors to collect association dues. Therefore, we are asking you to ***please*** pay your annual dues by mail or PayPal through the website.

Annual dues are \$35 to be a member of the Lake Association. Additionally any extra you give goes toward our 2021 Fireworks. Please go to [www.crockerylake.org](http://www.crockerylake.org) and click on Association to see why being a member is important to you.

We are offering three options to pay this year because we will not be coming around in May:

- \* Use the form at the end of the newsletter (you can print just the last page) to send your check to: Greg Slater, 2500 Crockery Shores Road, Casnovia, MI 49318
- \* Use BillPay through your bank website. Send to: Greg Slater, 2500 Crockery Shores Road, Casnovia, MI 49318
- \* Paypal link from our webpage: [www.crockerylake.org](http://www.crockerylake.org). You will have to do the dues and the fireworks donations in 2 separate transactions.

## SEEKING THREE BOARD MEMBERS

Three three-year positions are open this year. Anyone who is interested, feel free to throw your hat in the ring. You will make a great board member if:

- You have an interest in learning about lake health
  - Be a resource for your neighbors on water quality projects, erosion control, weed treatments, lake-scaping and more!
- You want to take a positive, active role in making decisions that affect our lake
- You have current concerns for the lake and have ideas how to fix them
  - Make a positive difference to help solve lake problems.

Interested? Contact Bob Blauwkamp, President, or any board member. Phone numbers at the end of the newsletter.

## 2020 FIREWORKS – JULY 3, 2020



A grand total of \$5000 was collected for fireworks for this year! Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. will be lighting them off. Again, we want to thank Carl Elliott and Tom Ludwick for a stupendous job of firing the fireworks for these many years. Please remember to add an extra donation for next years fireworks when you pay your dues. This is your fireworks display so let's all add to the enjoyment.

## CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY CROCKERY LAKE STYLE

We will be celebrating Independence Day on Friday, July 3, 2020. Here is the schedule:

1 ~ The boat parade will get underway at 7:30 pm. Entries will register at the CLA Treasurer's house by 6:00 pm the day of the event. Each boat will be given a numbered sign which is to be attached to the boat and visible for the judges to see. The numbered signs must be turned back in to the treasurer after two circuits of the lake are completed. Any lake

resident may enter a boat in the parade, BUT only members of the Crockery Lake Association are eligible for a cash prize.

~ Boats will queue up at the treasurer's house by 7:15 pm for pictures on the day of the parade.

~ A head judge and 4 other judges will be appointed by the CLA Board at the June Board Meeting.

a. Judges must be members of the CLA.

b. Judges must phone, text, or email their votes to the head judge within thirty minutes of the last boat passing the judge's house.

c. The head judge will tabulate the votes and phone or email the results to the Treasurer within one hour after the parade is over.

d. The treasurer will phone or email the winners before the fireworks begin.

e. The Treasurer will distribute the prize money within five days of the parade. If there is a tie, the money will be divided. Only CLA members can win the prize money.

Prizes - First place - \$100

Second place - \$50

Third place - \$25

2 ~ The ***Ring of Fire*** will start at 9:45 pm. Candles will be available through your board representative listed below for \$1.25 each. Light your candles and participate in this special tradition. Don't forget to save your milk jugs!

3 ~ Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. will start the ***fireworks display*** at dark (roughly 10:20). Invite your friends and family to enjoy the show made possible ENTIRELY by your private donations!

4 ~ Help us thank the Gunckel family who graciously allow us to utilize their land at the west end of the lake for the fireworks display every year. Our celebration would not be possible without their support!

### **Welcome to New Residents:**

The Bykerk residence was purchased last year by Jim DeBoer and Gabrielle Veenstra. They are making it their full time home. Jim owns his own business and Gabrielle works from home.

The Rogers Cottage on the North Side was purchased by John and Gina Otterbein. John is an engineer at Steelcase and Gina is co-owner of Northern Physical Therapy.

Keith and Amanda Patterson and family have purchased on Van Dyke St. Keith is in Tool and Die and Amanda is in Real Estate. They have two girls and a boy

We, the residents of Crockery Lake, extend a warm welcome to all of you. We look forward to getting to know you.

Have someone new in your neighborhood? Please call Karen Elliott at 616 887-4203 so a visit can be made.

### **NEW DOCK ORDINANCE**

Please read the ordinance before placing docks and boats in the water this year. Follow this link: <http://www.chester-twp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-02-01-Lake-Regulation-Ordinance.pdf>

Respecting our neighbors makes for great community!

### **UPDATED MICHIGAN BOATER SAFETY BOOKS**

We will once again acquire Boater Safety Books. They will be available to you through your CLA board members and at the Boat Landing on the south side of the lake. Please report any boating violations or boater safety concerns to the authorities. Please use the non-emergency number 1-800-249-0911.

## 2020 CHEMICAL TREATMENT DATES

Crockery Lake Schedule of Weed & Algae Treatments for 2020 have not been set yet due to the pandemic. Please watch the facebook page and the webpage for notification of treatment dates.

Here is what to expect:

~DEQ permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2020 season.

~PLM treats each lake according to a schedule or season established with the cooperation of your lake association, lake board or residents on the lake.

~The treatment schedule is approximate. Please watch your shoreline for the posting of the 8.5x11 inch, yellow or green signs. The signs will indicate the date of the treatment, the products used, and any restrictions on the use of treated water for swimming, watering lawns, etc. The property owners in this area are planning to have the waters chemically treated to control lake weeds and/or algae. This notice is being circulated in accordance with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) procedures.

~On the day of treatment, signs will be posted along the shoreline within 100 feet of treatment areas that indicate what products were used and specific water use restrictions that apply.

~The chemicals used for Aquatic Nuisance Control are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The potential for damage to fish and other non-target organisms is minimal provided that the product is used as directed on the product label and the permit.

~The CLA Board of Directors would suggest using caution in using or being in the water the day of treatment according to posted warnings.

## **DISCOUNTED SEPTIC PUMPING SERVICES**

Your family's health and the lake's water quality depends on keeping your septic system healthy. 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** 616-662-2322 continues to offer a \$15 discount per septic tank to Crockery Lake residents.

## **SPRING THINGS - TO DO (OR DON'T DO LIST)**

**Oak trees—don't prune April 15 - July 15.** Increases possibility of infestation by fungal disease, allows native picnic beetles to spread spores from infected trees to healthy trees; oak wilt causes rapid defoliation and die back in the crown, killing red oak trees in a matter of weeks. Treatment can be costly and destructive—prevention is key!

**Need firewood for your lake campfires?** Purchase your firewood locally, or buy your firewood where you plan to burn it.

**Re-landscaping?** Add some native plants!

**Clean up animal waste—don't let it end up in the lake.**

**Clean out your firepit and dispose of the ashes—so they don't end up in the lake.**

**Don't let those TV commercials for lawn fertilizers get to you!** According to the MSU Extension Office, most lawns in Michigan have adequate levels of phosphorous without adding chemicals to your lawn.

**Use lake water to water your lawn.** Your lawn will have more than enough nutrients to keep it green. **Do not water on days the lake is sprayed.**

**You can still use crabgrass killer (without fertilizer) and other insecticides.**

**No types of fertilizers may be used within 300 feet of the lake.**

**No grass clippings, leaves, sticks, etc. may be placed in the lake.**

**Fertilizers applied by lawn fertilizer companies are prohibited. If you see your neighbor violating this ordinance, please remind him of the ban. Violation of this ordinance may result in a \$500 fine.**

**Put reflectors on your rafts. Phone numbers should be added to your paddle boats and kayaks.**

**Violations and questions should be directed to the Chester Township Zoning Administrator 616-899-5544.**

## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

*Advertising in this newsletter is FREE to Crockery Lake Association 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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### **CLA BOARD of DIRECTORS**

#### **President / Bob Blauwkamp**

Position Expires: 4/30/22

616.957.9007 / [rblauwkamp@gmail.com](mailto:rblauwkamp@gmail.com)

Representing: 2332 - 2550 Crockery Shores Road, 24th Ave, Hoover

#### **Vice President / Pat Wolters**

Position Expires: 4/30/20

616.887.8707 / [patwolters@aol.com](mailto:patwolters@aol.com)

Represents: 2833 - 2871 Crockery Shores, Kaycee Lane, Crockery Woods

#### **Treasurer / Greg Slater**

Position Expires: 4/30/22

616.638.6930 / [greg.gsesllc@outlook.com](mailto:greg.gsesllc@outlook.com)

Representing: 2221 Van Dyke St - 2391 Van Dyke St

#### **Secretary / Susan McClure**

Position Expires: 4/30/20

616.899.5480 / [smcclure527@comcast.net](mailto:smcclure527@comcast.net)

Represents: 2519 - 2681 Van Dyke

### **TRUSTEES**

#### **Dennis Arms**

Position Expires: 4/30/20

616.890.2681 / [bigd33@mail.com](mailto:bigd33@mail.com)

Representing: 2563 Crockery Shores Road - 2798 Crockery Shores Road

#### **Betsy Ludwick**

Position Expires: 4/30/21

616.723.5704 / [betsylud@gmail.com](mailto:betsylud@gmail.com)

Representing: 2081 Van Dyke - 2211 Van Dyke

#### **Paula Humphrey**

Position Expires: 4/30/22

616.498.0363 / [paulah2700@gmail.com](mailto:paulah2700@gmail.com)

Representing: 2392 Van Dyke - 2516 Van Dyke

#### **Carl Elliott**

Position Expires: 4/30/2021

616.822.9250 mobile

616.887.4203 home / [versilecbe@yahoo.com](mailto:versilecbe@yahoo.com)

Representing: 2705 Van Dyke St - 2835 Van Dyke

**CROCKERY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

YEARLY DUES: \$35 paid by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

FIREWORKS DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CANDLES \_\_\_\_\_ at \$1.25 each

Crockery Lake Association is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Dues are not tax deductible. However, firework donations are tax deductible.

Please make your check to: **CROCKERY LAKE ASSOCIATION**

Send to: **Greg Slater, 2500 Crockery Shores Road, Casnovia, MI 49318**

\_\_\_\_\_ ***RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS*** \_\_\_\_\_

DUES PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CANDLES \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.25 = \_\_\_\_\_

FIREWORKS DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_