

CROCKERY LAKE ASSOCIATION

June 2016 NEWSLETTER

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May 2016 CLA Annual Meeting

We thank our CLA Board members and members at large for attending the CLA Annual Meeting at Grose Park. We covered an extensive agenda with great discussion. Insightful contributions from Sarah Holden from the MDEQ and Jaimee Conroy from Professional Lake Management were appreciated by the CLA membership. Election of members to the CLA Board of Directors was also conducted. Bruce Callen and Bob Blauwkamp agreed to run for re-election to the board of directors. No nominations were offered so we are now two directors short of a full board.

2016 Membership Drive

Our annual membership drive is underway. Remember dues are \$30 per household or \$20 for a household with a senior member (65 or older). All of the money collected through the membership drive supports our efforts to maintain the health and wellbeing of Crockery Lake. Please make this membership drive successful by joining today!

Celebrating Independence Day 2016!

We will be celebrating Independence Day on Sunday July 3, 2016. Please see the schedule of events below;

- The boat parade will get underway at 7:00pm. Entries are being accepted now until the start of the parade. Early entries are appreciated. The sign-up sheet and boat numbers are available at the Wolters' residence, 2442 Crockery Shores Road, on the north side of the lake. If you have questions, please contact Pat Wolters at (616) 887-8707. Staging will also be at the Wolters' residence. Please arrive by 6:50pm to line up. The judges will remain anonymous and will be stationed around the lake. The parade will make two complete laps in a counter clockwise direction around the lake. Winners will be notified within an hour after the parade. Prizes include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place. (Note: only CLA member entries are eligible for prize money).
- The Ring or Fire will start at 9:45pm. Light your candles and participate in this special tradition
- Wolverine Fireworks Co. will start the fireworks display at dark (roughly 10:30pm). Invite your friends and family to enjoy the show, made possible ENTIRELY by your private donations! Thank you everyone!
- 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!

2017 Fireworks Fund

Don't forget to support next year's fireworks fund with donations, candle purchases, or by shopping at the Crockery Lake Association on-line store at [http://www.cafepress.com/crockerylake!](http://www.cafepress.com/crockerylake) Firework donations for 2017 are accepted at this or any time throughout the year.

Crockery Lake Water Quality Testing

In an effort to provide and maintain quality water conditions in Crockery Lake, members of the Crockery Lake Association Board perform periodic water quality testing in cooperation with several state agencies. The principal agencies are the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and Michigan State University (MSU).

The purpose of the testing is to monitor and report the data to the respective agencies on the quality of the lake's ecosystem. We report the results to the agencies so they, in cooperation with the lake management contractor, PLM, can formulate a plan of action to maintain and improve the quality of the lake. Frequent testing of the lake from May through October is necessary as the lake's water quality can change very quickly.

Tests performed include:

- **Secchi disk transparency testing** to record water clarity,
- **Testing for phosphorus concentration.** Phosphorus speeds the growth of algae and weeds in the lake. PLM then takes measures to reduce the level of free phosphorus.
- **Chlorophyll testing.** Chlorophyll is the primary indicator of the amount of algae in the water.
- **Testing for levels of dissolved oxygen (DO) and temperature** at various depths of the lake. An absence of oxygen in the lake at different levels indicates potential problems with fish and plant life.
- **Aquatic plant mapping and monitoring** to track invasive plant species and monitoring the changes in plant colonies.



The lake receives high levels of nutrient-rich runoff from local creeks, road drains, and inlets that have a major effect on the quality of our lake.

Your lake association is actively committed to improving the quality of the water for everybody's enjoyment.

Water Quality Considerations

Lily pads are great cover for fish and small invertebrates. They also slow wave action and therefore help lessen erosion. Please avoid running power boats through beds of lily pads. Also, consider leaving lily pads along the shoreline and in swimming areas where possible. Our under water residents will appreciate it.

Discounted Septic Pumping Services

Kerkstra's Septic Pumping services continues to offer discounted rates to Crockery Lake residents. Please have your septic tanks pumped regularly and be sure your septic system is working properly. This is one way in which all residents can help preserve the health of Crockery Lake.

Advertiser's Corner

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