

# **CROCKERY LAKE ASSOCIATION**

July 2016 NEWSLETTER

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## **2016 BOAT PARADE WINNERS!**



The first place winner of the boat parade was  
The Shark Tank by Randy and Karen Peltier



Second Place went to The "Building Pyramids"  
Float By The Wolters Family



Third Place winner was Vessel 4 owned by  
Anthony Sullivan. The theme was "Aloha"



**OTHER BOAT PARADE PARTICIPANTS** Lane Family "Ninja Turtles Nest"; Hyde Family "Starwars"; Elliott Family "Scrub a Dub"; Bennett Family "Fourth of July"; Sanderson Family "Irish" Thanks to all of you who participated. The more boats the more fun for all of us!

### **2017 FIREWORKS**

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 Gunkle let their land be used and abused every year for our enjoyment. They made sure the field was mowed and the cows were out of the way.

--The Gunkles also gathered additional donations and made a sizable personal contribution-- so the fireworks can go on again 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).

--All the fireworks in the main show are shot off by hand by Tom and Carl. The electronics control the grand finale. Carl and Tom had to become certified which involved many hours of training. They did this to decrease the cost of using Wolverine's personnel.

--The day after the show, Tom, Carl, son-in-law Andrew, and Dennis Arms were in the field cleaning up four bags of trash and disassembling the "guns", etc. They loaded about 30 "guns" them onto a trailer (very big and very heavy steel). Now they will have to come up with some place to store them until next year.

**Hopefully this information will spur everyone on to donate to our 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> Firework donations for 2017 are accepted at this or any time throughout the year. \$2,434 has been donated towards next year's goal of \$4,300.

### **CROCKERY LAKE E COLI RESULTS**

Three lake water samples were tested by Hope College. The test results showed "very good numbers". We had very little e coli in the lake at the time of testing. 300 is the unsafe number. The 3 sites tested were: outlet at west end of lake (reading of 20); creek at Grose Park (reading of 4); and south side of lake at the deadend of 24<sup>th</sup> Ave (reading of 0).

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. This test showed little of the runoff contained ecoli.

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

### **DISCOUNTED SEPTIC PUMPING SERVICES**

Kerkstra's Septic 616-209-4472. Continues to offer discounted rates to Crockery Lake residents. Please have your septic tanks pumped at least every 3 years. 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. Call them at 616-209-4472.

## **CROCKERY LAKE ORDINANCES**

There are 3 township ordinances which were adopted to help maintain Crockery Lake's water quality. They can be accessed by going to the Crockery Lake Website ([www.crockerylake.org](http://www.crockerylake.org)) and clicking on the "Ordinances" tab near the top of the page. Ordinance 99-2-1 involves interference with chemical application on the lake (stay off the lake for 24 hours after chemical application); 98-10-1 (no fertilizer applications within 300 feet of the lake); 93-10-01 (regulation of number of docks, boats, mooring nonresidents' boats). Warning letters and noncompliance can result in fines. We encourage you to become familiar with these ordinances. If you would like an email copy of the ordinances, please contact Linda Lane at 887-1562.

Thanks the all residents for staying off the lake during the June 28 weed treatment. The most effective result is achieved when there is minimal wave action so the chemicals can adhere to the weeds being treated.

Beach sand—It is OK to dump beach sand on your shore, but it is a violation to dump it in the lake.

## **REFRESHER ON CURRENT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES**

Stay 100 feet from boats, kayaks, rafts, stand-up boarders, ducks, swans.

Do not jump wakes of other boats

Operate in at least 30 inches of water

Illegal to operate between sunset and 8 am

Excessive noise makes PWC unwelcome to other vessels and people on shore. Be courteous—vary your operating area and do not keep repeating the same maneuver.

14 years old and under cannot legally operate a PWC

14 and 15 year olds may operate PWC only if they have obtained boating safety certificate and are accompanied by a person at least 21 years old

14 and 15 year olds may operate PWC if not more than 100 feet from parent or a person at least 21 years of age designated by the parent.

16 year olds—may operate only if they have obtained boating safety certificate.

Those born before December 31, 1978 may operate PWC without restrictions.

## **VISITING GROSE PARK**

Take a walk in lovely Grose Parks. Per park attendants, the trails are maintained on a daily basis.

Wanted: Shorestation for an 8' wide pontoon. Call Chuck Lane 808-6343.

For Sale: 1984 Mastercraft Prostar 190, blue on grey stars and stripes edition. 351 Ford Pleasure Craft motor. 615 hours. Asking \$7000. Call for more details at 616 826-2239.

Found: Canoe with 1990 boat registration. It was submerged in the ice from last year. Found on 2541 Van Dyke property. Please claim by calling the Dutkiewiczs at 899-1059



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*Advertising in this newsletter is FREE to Crockery Lake Members.*

*Advertising for business is \$20/year.*

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## 7-YEAR-OLD DROWNS IN OUR LAKE

Natanael Escobar-Vasquez, 7, drowned after trying to save his 11-year-old friend from the same plight at Grose Park on our lake on July 24, 2016. He was part of a church group visiting the lake on July 24.

One of our lake residents has set up a fund for the family at Choice One Bank in Sparta. The money donated will go toward funeral and burial expenses. If you wish to show your compassion and support, please make a donation. The account is set up so that only the parents of Natanael will be able to access the donations.

Make checks payable to: Memorial Fund for Natanael Escobar-Vasquez.

If you wish to make a donation, you can drop off it off at one of the branches listed below; place it in the overnight depository at the locations listed below, or mail it to:

Choice One Bank, 109 E. Division, Sparta, MI 49345 (616) 887-7366;

Choice One Bank, 416 W. Division, Sparta, MI 49345 (616) 887-8807;

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