

APRIL/MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER Crockery Lake Association



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Crockery Lake Website: www.crockerylake.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook/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.

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to our neighbors Barry & Sue Glovick in the sudden loss of their son, Lee.

Our sympathy to Dennis Arms, former board member, in the loss of his mother.

Spring Clean-up

We ask that all residents inspect their shoreline for debris and loose objects that could be picked up by rising waters, 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 BOARD AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

The April CLA Board meeting was canceled due to Covid exposure. Here is the schedule for all CLA Board of Director Meetings and the Annual Meeting:

May 19 at 7:00 pm - This would be a Regular Board of Directors Meeting, we would need to finalize plans and arrangements for the Annual CLA meeting. All are welcome. The meeting will be held at the Ludwick's, 2470 Crockery Shores Rd, Casnovia, MI 49318

June 16 at 7:00 pm - This will be the Annual Meeting for all Crockery Lake Association Members. We will be having elections for 2 new/ returning directors. If you would like to be more involved please let your lake representative know you are willing to serve on a 3 year term. This is a very informative and enjoyable way to serve your lake community. This meeting will be at the shelter at Grose Park.

July 21 at 7:00 pm - location TBD

August 18 at 7:00 pm - location TBD

September 15 at 7:00 pm - location TBD

We encourage you to attend these meetings. 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.

2021 DUES

Last year we were not able to knock on doors to collect dues. But this year it is our plan to come around and greet you again and collect dues for 2021 and any donations towards the fireworks fund.

Annual dues are \$35 to be a member of the Lake Association. Additionally any extra you give goes toward our 2022 Fireworks. Please go to www.crockerylake.org and click on Association to see why being a member is important to you.

We are offering three options to pay again this year:

- * 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

SEEKING TWO BOARD MEMBERS

Two 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.

Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month from March through September.

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

2021 FIREWORKS – JULY 3, 2021



A grand total of \$6,000 was collected for fireworks for this year! Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. will be lighting them off. 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 Saturday, July 3, 2021. 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! Candles are available from your lake representative or at Pat Wolters home.

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:

Welcome!

The following two couples have been here over a year. Due to Covid, we were unable to visit with them in a timely manner. Our apologies!

Nick and Stacy Wisner bought the Lock home on the North Side of the Lake. They have two children, ten and six.

Jason and Keri Beuschel purchased the Fuhst home. They live on the South Side of the Lake and shared their beautiful light display with us this past Christmas!

The next two families have moved into the community in the last few months.

Sue Jones is new to the North Side of the Lake. She purchased the Simms home and loves it here.

Joshua Kellogg and Kristie Hardy have purchased the Stein home on the South Side of the Lake. They are joined by two young sons.

Welcome to All of You!!! We look forward to getting to know you as we peek out from hibernation this Spring!

Remember if you have a new neighbor, please let Karen Elliott know at 616 887-4203 so she can pay them a visit.

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.

RESCUE ON CROCKERY LAKE

On April 20, a fisherman in a small boat fell out of his boat. He could not get himself back into the boat. Fortunately, Chuck Lane observed this and got in his paddle boat and paddled out to him. Unfortunately, when the man was trying to get in the paddle boat it capsized also. So, Nicole Gustin came to the rescue with her pedal board. She was assisted by John Wyngarden. All were safely brought back to shore.

Remember the lake temperature is still very cold and hypothermia can set in quickly. Also, the man did not have a life jacket on. Life jackets are very important in this cold water with cold air temperatures. And the number of people in a boat sets the requirement for the number of life jackets: One per person! This truly was a heroic rescue and saved lives. Thank you Cole, Chuck, and John for being alert.

2021 CHEMICAL TREATMENT DATES

Crockery Lake Schedule of Weed & Algae Treatments for 2021 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 2021 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.

This years approximate dates are:

5/10/21 Lake survey

5/17/21 Weed and Algae Optional MD treatment

6/21/21 Weed and Algae Optional MD treatment

7/19/21 Weed and Algae Optional MD treatment

8/21/21 Fall AVS survey, MD treatment

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 fire-pit 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.

BUILD A TURTLE PAD

TURTLE PAD EXPERIMENT SUCCESSFUL!

Last year Linda Lane placed a 36 x 45 inch turtle pad in the lake. It turned out to be very popular! One day they counted 7 turtles at one time on the pad.

They attracted painted, snapper, soft-shell and a few map turtles. If the lake was calm, quiet and the sun was shining, they were pretty much guaranteed to have visitors.

She did research before making the turtle pad. Turtles need places to rest in the sun. Turtles sun themselves for a reason—they absorb the sunlight to make their shells healthier and avoid disease. Turtles bask between 2-8 hours each day.

Turtles cannot climb seawalls-- but a turtle pad could be a great way to provide them sunning spots.

You can make your own turtle pad. It consists of a flat top (we used old dock boards) and a ramp on two sides so the turtles can get up on the pad (very important).

We used 1 x 6 for the frame and two anchors to hold it in place. We placed it about 12 feet from shore.

Interested?? Hints: Make sure you place it so you can see the turtles from inside your house. They are skittish and seem to have excellent hearing. Very hard to sneak up on them. Last year, they put the pad out in early May and waited less than a week to see their first “customer”.

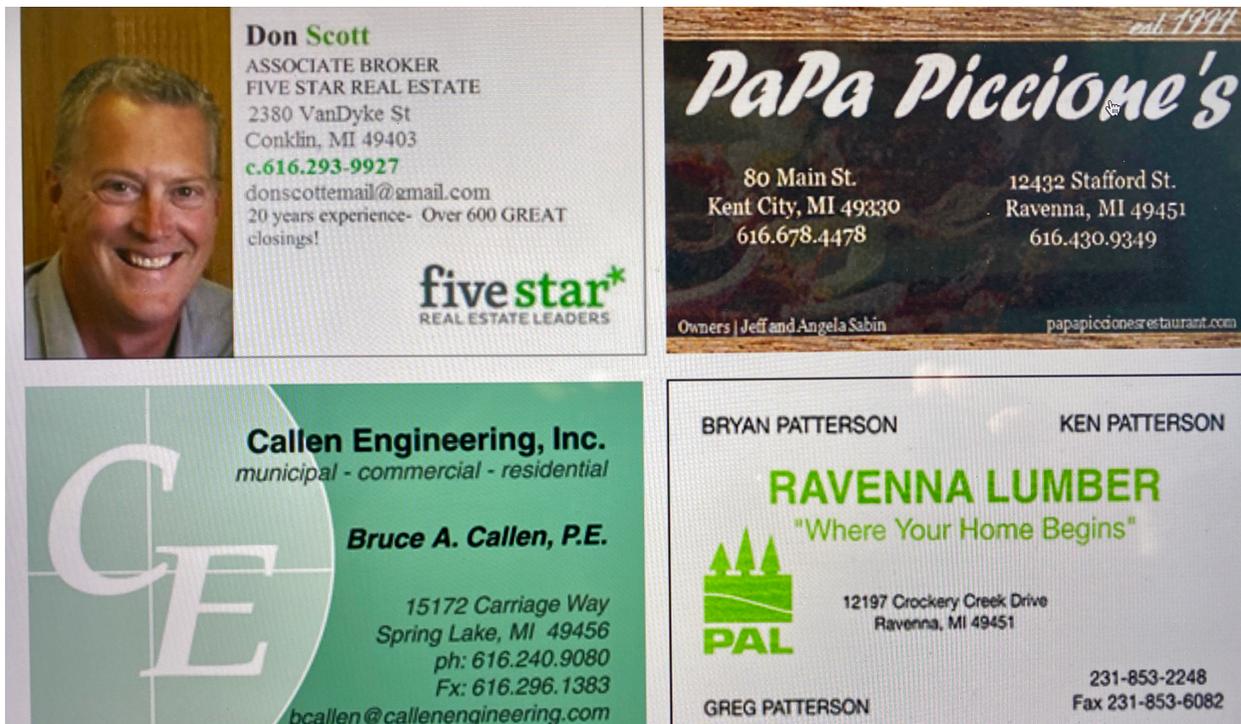
Hope this article inspires you to make a turtle pad for your family to enjoy! Feel free to stop by and see the Lane’s pad! Chuck and Linda Lane, north cove. Questions: feel free to call us at 887-1562.

MICHIGAN TURTLE CATCH & RELEASE! WILD ANIMALS ARE NOT PETS.

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.



CAPTION

For Sale
 Electric boat lift - \$1100
 Good for power boat 16-20 foot
 Call Ron at 616-745-5176

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CLA BOARD of DIRECTORS

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

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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**

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DUES PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

CANDLES _____ X \$1.25 = _____

FIREWORKS DONATION \$ _____

CHECK NUMBER _____