



# Rush Lake News



## Summer 2019

Rush Lake Property  
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### ***Stolen!! From All of Us***

On either Friday night, June 7<sup>th</sup> or the morning of Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, a large amount of calcium chloride sand was removed from the Hillside Park area in the vicinity of the boat launch gate.

Each fall, the association purchases several hundred dollars of calcium chloride to make available to residents for use on icy drive ways, road approaches, etc. We purchase this calcium chloride sand out of the road portion of our annual dues.

For the last two winters, there has been left over sand. This sand does not spoil and can be used when the winter returns.

Similar to last summer, someone has had the audacity to steal this left over sand.

If you are aware of who had done this, please email our clerk at:

**clerk@rushlakepoa.com**,  
so that we can bill them.

### **Important Bylaw Change Affects Some Moon Shadows Members**

At the May 2019 semiannual meeting a bylaw change was proposed to address the need for additional treatments of excessive weeds in the north and south canals adjacent to Moon Shadows. Our contractor for treating the lake recommended additional treatments in these canal areas.

If approved, it will raise additional funds to provide for more weed treatments each year specifically in these canals.

The proposed bylaw change would add language that states:

***“Each member of Moon Shadows on Rush Lake Condominium Association (MSHOA) who owns property with canal or lake front property or who owns***

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### ***NEW BOARD MEMBER***

Cynthia Oesterle was elected to the board at the last semiannual meeting. Everyone is delighted to have her “aboard”, and welcomes her talents. For now, it appears she will be specifically assisting the board caring for our roads.

***a marina dock lot in the canal area will be assessed an additional annual fee of \$200.00.***

***These lake treatment funds will go into a RLPOA account for specific MSHOA canal area treatments and will supplement the RLPOA treatments that take place.”***

This proposed bylaw change will be **voted on only by the members affected** at the upcoming October semiannual meeting.

The entire proposal, including the specific properties affected, follows on the next page.

# **LAKE AND MOON SHADOWS CANAL TREATMENTS**

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## **PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE**

By the time this newsletter has been published and mailed, residents should be aware that a significant lake and Moon Shadow canal area treatment took place June 12<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting).

In consulting with Lake Pro, they were given approval for specific areas in the main body of the lake as well as an extensive application treatment in the two Moon Shadow canal areas.

Consistent with previous years, this will be our most extensive treatment of the main body of the lake and canals. Scotia and Baudine canals received an extensive treatment in early May as well as algae treatments in the Moon Shadows canal areas.

Residents who are affected by treatment restrictions will have notices posted on their property. If your area is not affected, there will be no notices posted.

So far in 2019, we have spent \$29,160 between the May and June treatments. 75% of that amount has been spent on the main body of the lake as well as Scotia and Baudine canal areas and 25% of that amount has been spent in the two Moon Shadow canal areas.

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Rush Lake Homeowners Association Bylaws would be amended by adding the following language to Article VII, Section 1, within the third paragraph:

***Each member of Moon Shadows on Rush Lake Condominium Association (MSHOA) who owns property with canal or lake front property or who owns a marina dock lot in the canal area will be assessed an additional annual fee of \$200.00. These lake treatment funds will go into a separate RLPOA account for specific MSHOA canal area treatments and will supplement the RLPOA treatments that take place.***

Note: Vote will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at the semiannual meeting. Only the members listed below are eligible to participate in the vote: (Owner lot number in parentheses and dock lot letter noted)

2836 Dana Pointe Drive(040)A	3075 Dana Pointe Drive(050)
2814 Dana Pointe Drive(041)C	3077 Dana Pointe Drive(045)
2888 Dana Pointe Dr(038)E	3081 Sand Pebble Cove(059)
2821 Shadow Brook Ln(032)J	3092 Dana Pointe Drive(049)
9076 Sea Breeze(036)B	3093 Dana Pointe Dr.(046)
Lot Moonlight Bay – York(071)D	3097 Sand Pebble Cove(060)
2862 Dana Pointe Drive(039)F	3108 Dana Pointe Drive(048)
9120 Anacapa Bay Dr.(121)G	3111 Dana Pointe Drive(047)
9046 Sea Breeze(037)H	3129 Sand Pebble Cove(062)
3167 Shadow Brook Ln(023)I	8765 Bayview Court(004)
2760 Bayview(003)	8775 Bayview Court(005)
2770 Bayview(002)	8785 Bayview Ct(006)
2823 Dana Pointe Dr(009)	8790 Bayview Court(007)
2847 Dana Pointe Drive(010)	9028 Moonlight Bay(066)
2875 Dana Pointe Drive(011)	9044 Moonlight Bay(064)
2901 Dana Pointe Drive(012)	9052 Moonlight Bay(063)
2939 Dana Pointe Drive(013)	Lot Dana Pointe Dr. – Powell(042)
2963 Dana Pointe Drive(014)	Lot Moonlight Bay- Galloway(065)
2985 Dana Pointe Drive(015)	Lot Moonlight Bay – Schmidt(067)
2990 Dana Pointe Drive(053)	Sand Pebble Cove – Bischoff(061)
3001 Sand Pebble Cove(054)	3040 Dana Pointe Drive(052)
3017 Sand Pebble Cove Dr(055)	3049 Sand Pebble Cove(057)
3033 Sand Pebble Cove Dr.(056)	3051 Dana Pointe Drive(044)
3035 Dana Pointe Drive(043)	3058 Dana Pointe Drive(051)
3065 Sand Pebble Cove Dr.(058)	

Finally, there have been concerns regarding the algae blooms in the middle of the main body of the lake. The DEQ does not allow for treatments in this area. As the lake gets more use with boating and jet skies, this problem should be alleviated.

## Take Pride in Your Home and Your Community!

Thanks so much to all of you who are properly maintaining and improving your homes and properties!! We have noticed a lot of great improvements to many properties. When you own a home in our association it is your responsibility to properly maintain your property including any bushes or trees by the roadside so that proper sight distances are maintained for your safety and the safety of others. Maintaining your property does not take a lot of money – keeping the grass cut, disposing of trash and junk in your yard, trimming bushes, painting, etc. All of these things add value and safety to your home and your community.

### Article III of our by-laws states (pertaining to this issue):

Section 1 (a) Disposal of Waste – All refuse and garbage must be carried off the subdivision. Each member shall be responsible for seeing that arrangements are made by owners or other occupants of the premises for taking care of these items.

Section 1 (e) Upkeep of Property – All property within the jurisdiction of this Corporation shall be kept free from tall weeds and underbrush by the owner thereof, and if the owner shall neglect or refuse to do so, same shall done by a committee of the Corporation and the cost of such work charged to the owner of the property, except those lots which are impractical to cut.

Hamburg Township zoning regulations regarding blight also apply to all members of our Association. If your neighbor has garbage/junk/non-working or unlicensed vehicles/other unsightly items in their yard you can file a complaint with the township (this can be done anonymously). The board would like your help in filing complaints for these code violations in your individual neighborhoods. The board members cannot keep up with all of the issues – we all are volunteers and we do our best, but we can't do everything without help from the community.

We will post the Hamburg Township ordinance dealing with blight issues on our website and a copy of the form to fill out and submit to the township.

## ***UPCOMING MEETING DATES***

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 10, 2019  
(at Hamburg Library)  
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 7, 2019  
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 4, 2019  
6:30 p.m.

**Semiannual Meeting**  
**Wednesday,**  
**October 2, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

All meetings (except July 10th),  
are held at the Hamburg  
Community Center on Merrill  
Road.

## **2019 - 2020 Officers**

President: Lois Pescia  
Vice Pres.: Christina Letzring  
Treasurer: Peggy Pietras  
Secretary: Joe Grech

## **Board Members**

Fred Clough  
Gerry Lasecki  
Cynthia Oesterle  
Jack Partridge  
Pam Sevonty

**Association Clerk**  
Teresa Kinter  
734-878-0340

## While boating this season, let's all remember the 100-foot rule!

According to the boating laws, one is not to operate their boat or personal watercraft at greater than slow-no wake speed if the vessel or persons being towed are within 100 feet of a shoreline, any moored or anchored boat, any marked swimming area, or person(s) in the water, a dock, or a raft. Slow no wake speed is the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering and does not create a wake.

Boats and personal watercraft are also supposed to operate in a counter-clockwise direction, except in areas marked by well-defined channels.

These two laws are probably the most disregarded parts of the boating laws. Let's keep all of the boating laws in mind while boating on Rush Lake.

### Sign Up Today!

The Association sends periodic updates, reminder, notices of interest, and Newsletters to members via email. If you would be interested in receiving these emails, please send an email to:

[clerk@rushlakepoa.com](mailto:clerk@rushlakepoa.com)  
with your request to be added to the list.

## Don't Let Your Dogs Run Free

In accordance with Michigan State Leash Law, dogs are not allowed to run free. Please respect your neighbors and their property by keeping your dogs on a leash. Also consider the safety of your dog by not allowing him to run free. For further information or enforcement of this law, please contact the Livingston County Animal Control 517-546-2154.



## NIGHTTIME BOATING

People who enjoy boating after dark need to be extra cautious because sometimes there are people fishing on the lake at night. Although the

Michigan Department of Natural Resources recommends that every boat display a white light while adrift at night, not everyone does. Boaters need to slow down to minimize the risk of a collision. Along with reducing the risk of an accident, slowing down will help to lower the noise level, and thus be less of a disturbance to others.



## HILLSIDE PARK PROBLEMS

Members need to remember that once they launch their water craft at Hillside Park, the vehicles and trailers that were used in the launching are not to be parked inside the park itself, but must be parked in the parking facilities up the hill on Junior Drive. The park itself is for the enjoyment of our members and it needs to be free of all cars, trucks, and trailers within the park itself.

Also, the park has a swimming area that needs to be clear of all watercraft, including jet skis. No watercraft should be tied to the seawall or trees inside the park.



Please abide by these simple rules so our members can make the most of their day at the park.

## Golf Carts, ATVs, Mini-bikes, Go-karts

Numerous complaints have come in to the Association regarding golf carts, ATVs, mini-bikes, go-karts, and other off-road vehicles. Not only are some of these vehicles tearing up the roads, but there are serious concerns because these vehicles are occupying our roads along with the regular traffic. The bottom line is that unless licensed for the highway, these vehicles **DO NOT** belong on our roads.



The Michigan Off-Road Vehicle Guide states that any road, street or highway maintained for year-round automobile travel is closed to off road vehicle operation, and that includes the shoulder or the right-of-way.



The Hamburg Township Police have been alerted to this situation and they ask that anyone seeing these vehicles on our roads to please call 911 to report it. These vehicles need to be removed from our roads before someone is seriously injured.

### Contact the Clerk

If you need to contact our RLPOA clerk, the very best way is via email at: [clerk@rushlakepoa.com](mailto:clerk@rushlakepoa.com)

This is quickest, and most efficient, manner to communicate with her about your issue

## PARK USE IS FOR MEMBERS!

We all need to remember that our parks are only for the use of members and their guests! All of the substantial costs of maintaining these facilities are paid for by the Association. The parks are for the enjoyment of Association members and their guests. Keep this in mind when using our parks!



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### CHECK IT OUT!

As always, the RLPOA website is chock full of information for the entire Rush Lake community. It contains photos, news, Board minutes, bylaws, back issues of newsletters, information about our roads, lakes, and parks, neighborhood news, and much, much more.

Just visit:

[rushlakepoa.com](http://rushlakepoa.com)

## Be Aware of Vandalism

Please call 911 if you see any vandalism taking place in the parks. While it is helpful to call the Hotline so the Board is aware of it, your first call needs to be to 911.

Remember even though the parks belong to the Association, YOU are the Association, so they are your parks and we need to protect them just as we would our own yard.

## Please Wear Life Jackets

The U.S. Coast Guard requires that all boats must have at least one Type I, II



or III PFD (personal flotation device) for each person on board. The life jacket must be in good and condition and easily accessible.

Children under six years of age are required to wear when riding on the open deck of any boat, according to Michigan law.

Also, each person riding on, or being towed behind a personal watercraft must wear a life jacket.

...Please follow these rules to keep our boaters safe!



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Mailing Label

School's Out!  
Please Drive Carefully!



***PLEASE DON'T GO  
THE WRONG WAY!***

Are you going  
the wrong way?  
By Michigan boating laws,  
boats must travel in a  
counter-clockwise direction!

