



Rush Lake News



Spring 2019

Rush Lake Property
Owners Association

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Vote on Proposed By- Law Change

One of the important agenda items at the May 1st semiannual meeting is for discussion and voting of a proposed bylaw change.

The proposed bylaw change is as follows:

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Article VII

Section 2-Delinquent accounts

All property addresses, once delinquent in dues payments, will be listed on the Rush Lake Property Owners website: RushlakePOA.com. Listing will include the property address and the amount delinquent.

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Over the past two years, our board has taken a much more aggressive approach to the pursuit of unpaid property owner bills from the annual dues.

As part of this process, the Board feels that the communication process to all

property owners is an important tool. To accomplish this, the by-law change notifies all members of the property address of these delinquent owners.

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting for discussion and voting.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER

The Board is short one member, and an election will be held at the upcoming semiannual meeting in May to fill it.

Board members share the workload among themselves, and every Board position is both interesting and rewarding.

Anyone who is a property owner within the Association's boundaries is eligible to serve as a Board member.

Consider offering to help yourself and your neighbors by volunteering for a Board position!



CONTINUED DOG POOP PROBLEMS!

The Board is still receiving complaints about members, while walking their dogs, either do not picking up after them, or leaving bags of dog poop along the road, or on members property. We can all agree that this conduct is extremely discourteous.



It is asking very little of our members to show others a bit of common decency when walking their dogs. This issue has been discussed many times before in our Newsletters, and yet, problems continue.

All three of our parks not only have free dispensers of plastic bags to use to pick up your pet's droppings, but they also have garbage cans for your use.

Please keep your dogs on a leash and pick up after them!

Thanks for your cooperation.

“Life is a beautiful struggle”

Upcoming Meeting Dates



Semiannual Meeting
Wednesday,
May 1, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
6:30 pm

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 3, 2019
6:30 p.m. (if needed)

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

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

All meetings are held at the
Hamburg Community Center on
Merrill Road.

2018 - 2019 Officers

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

Board Members

Fred Clough
Gerry Lasecki
Jack Partridge
Pam Sevorty

Association Clerk
Teresa Kinter
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ANIMAL CORNER

THE AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

Any of our members who feeds birds are familiar with a small, beautiful, golden colored bird that visits them year round. This is the North American Goldfinch, a member of the finch family. Commonly they are seen in large flocks.



The male is a vibrant yellow in summer, and an olive color in winter. Although it generally is a migratory bird, in some areas, like Michigan, they may actually be seen year round.

Human activity has generally benefited these birds, and they commonly appear in residential areas across the entire country. They are the state bird of New Jersey, Iowa, and Washington.

They are easily attracted to bird feeders which drastically increases their survival rate. They love nesting in birdhouses and are generally monogamous. Commonly they one brood a year.

We are fortunate to have them in our lives around Rush Lake.

Initial 2019 Lake Treatment Plans

The board is pleased to announce that initial plans have been made for our lake treatment plans.

On Wednesday, April 3rd, the board met with Pete Filpansick from Lake Pro. While all plans are subject to actual conditions discovered after our lake surveys, the plan is to mirror what we did in 2018.

That plan was to treat the canals in late April with an algae treatment and any areas in the lake with Eurasian Milfoil.

This would be followed up with an extensive treatment in mid-June of the canals and pondweed areas of the lake, as well as a second algae treatment in the canals.

This will leave some funds for any possible treatments necessary in the main body of the lake and the canals in late summer.

We also wanted to share that the DEQ has changed their permitting requirements for applying herbicides. To prepare for these changes, the RLPOA board worked with the Moon Shadows board, Hamburg Township Pat Hohl, and Pete from Lake Pro, to satisfy all of these requirements. Our permit is now in place for the next several years. A special thanks should also go to Lee Pescia for preparing the paperwork for Hamburg Township on our behalf.

Protocol for Contacting the Association's Clerk

The most efficient method of communicating with the Association is email via: clerk@rushlakepoa.com

However, if you prefer to leave a voicemail, please follow these simple rules:



(1) Clearly identify yourself so the call can be returned.

(2) State your name and phone number slowly (voicemails are often hard to retrieve)

(3) Please allow a reasonable time for the Clerk to respond

(4) Please do not use profanity!

Following these simple guidelines will help get your communications answered in the most useful and efficient way possible!

Please Do Not Move or Play On The Swim Buoys!

Meet Your Neighbors!



Although the semiannual meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., Association members begin to gather at 6:30 to meet and greet friends and neighbors.

Following the meeting, pizza is served to give everyone another chance to get acquainted. These social times are great opportunities to discover how we are all interested in taking care of Rush Lake and making it a great place to live.

Please be sure and join us!

Check Your Key!



Be sure and take a few minutes to check your key to make sure it is activated before you are ready to launch your boat.

Even though you may think your key is active, it is wise to check and make sure it is

You will be very extremely frustrated to find yourself at the gate, ready to put your boat in the water, and not be able to get in the park!

Please don't kill us with bread!



Bread is actually a danger to us ducks and other water birds

It causes Angel Wing which can make our feathers grow too quickly. This strains our muscles and can stop us flying.

Our friends the swans develop fatal gut and heart disease



Bread is bad for our water environment. It rots, and pollutes the water.

This allows bacteria to grow and encourages rats. It causes algal bloom which gets into our lungs and kill us birds.



If you want to feed us We like lettuce, peas and sweetcorn

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.

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

PARK USE IS FOR MEMBERS!

Please 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. It appears that non-members have been holding "private parties" at our parks. This conduct should be discouraged.

Please keep this in mind when enjoying our wonderful parks, and remember to pass this word along to you friends.

Signup

Today!

The Association sends the newsletters, periodic updates, reminders, or notices of interest to members via email. If you would be interested in receiving these emails, please send an email to rushlakepoa@yahoo.com and request to be added to the list.

COURTESY WHEN ANCHORING YOUR BOAT

When you choose to anchor your boats close to shoreline property for extended periods of time, please consider the effect of your conduct on others

Anchoring close to shore can be annoying to shoreline residents trying to relax in their yards. It's important that boaters be considerate of others while anchoring close to shore.

NIGHTTIME BOATING



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

CHECK IT OUT!

As always, the RLPOA website is full of information important to the entire Rush Lake community.



Among other things, our website contains:

- community photos
- neighborhood news
- minutes of Board meetings
- Hamburg blight information
- back issues of newsletters
- updated information on the condition of our roads, lakes, and parks

Visit our website, and you will be glad you did!

Just go to rushlakepoa.com for an exciting experience!

Burning Rules

According to the Hamburg Township Burning law, burning is allowed only in the months of April/May and October/November.



Therefore, May 31st is the final day one can burn until November 1st.

Don't Force The Gate

While it is inconvenient if your boat launch key won't open the gate, the answer is not to force the gate open. Recently the gate needed numerous repairs, some of those which appeared to be caused by someone forcing the gate to get it open.

If you encounter a problem with the gate, please call the Association hotline (734-878-0340). Someone will contact you as soon as possible. The Board realizes it can be very frustrating when you have made plans to use the boat, but forcing the gate will only result in costly repairs and more inconvenience for everyone.

**No
Boats
In
Swimming areas!**



According to Michigan boating laws, it is illegal to operate your boat in a restricted area that is marked buoys.

Our swimming areas are clearly marked by buoys and yet, some people simply ignore the buoys

Please keep our children safe by keeping boats and jet skis out of the swimming areas!

NEW FISHING AND BOATING REGULATIONS

Michigan has just implemented some new fishing and boating regulations.

BOATING: They focus on keeping a clean vessel. Including other rules, boaters are required to avoid leaving aquatic organisms on or in their boat by draining water from their boat before leaving a site.

FISHING: They focus on new rules concerning the handling of bait. The new rules outlines, among other things, how to catch and release fish, and how to handle live bait.



More information about these new rules are found at the DNR website at:

michigan.gov/boating

michigan.gov/fishing

PLEASE INFORM GUESTS OF LAKE RULES!



It is important that ALL lake users -both members and guests - follow the rules for using our lake, and be courteous to everyone they encounter.

The Board has become aware that some of our lake problems are apparently caused by the conduct of members' guests who may not be aware of these considerations.

Please, when you have guests with you at the lake, inform them of what is proper conduct so they can conform to it.

Here are some important rules to inform them about:

- * boats going counterclockwise
- * 100 foot rule
- * swimming area rules
- * jet ski rider rules
- * anchoring close to shore

Your guests are here at your request, so please ensure that they follow our rules of conduct!



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**Association
Semiannual Meeting
May 1, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Hamburg Township
Community Center
10405 Merrill Road**

Agenda Items To Be Discussed

Roads	Lake
Parks	Elections
Bylaw Vote	

**Any Additions To The Agenda
Registration and Social Time
6:30 p.m.**

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

