



Rush Lake News



Fall 2018

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Owners Association

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2018 RUSH LAKE TREATMENT- HERBICIDE RESULTS

SWAN UPDATE

Rush Lake residents will certainly remember the past summer as one of “the hottest and driest” in recent memory. The sunshine and 90-degree plus temperatures on multiple days would often result in massive plant and weed growth in the main body of the lake.

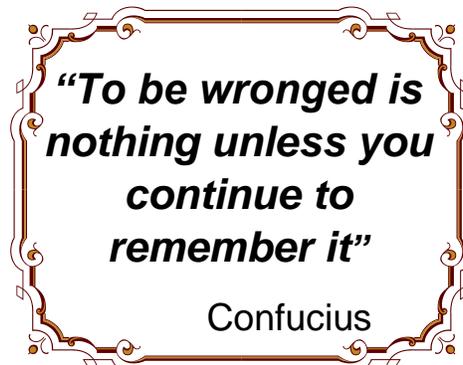
Fortunately, the herbicide applications that took place in late May and mid-June in the main body of the lake were exceptionally effective in preventing this dilemma.

Working with a budget of \$38,000, we actually spent over \$40,000 in water testing, management fees, and weed control treatments. As noted above, two treatments were completed in the main body of the lake and three

treatments were completed in our canals.

However, an area of concern was raised in late July when our contractor discovered a new weed in eight areas of our canals. This weed is called “Cabomba” and is very invasive. The weed comes from sources like fish aquariums or hydroponics. The cost to us for this treatment in August was \$3500.

The board will meet with our contractor at a future board meeting in 2019 to review plans and recommendations for next summer.



There were some interesting developments on the “Swan Front” this year.

This year, in April, , unlike the last several years, a very large gathering of swans never appeared on our lake to cause problems.

In May, two swan families, each with three signets, appeared on the lake. One male parent, whom we call Mr. Macho, was back with his recent mate. His long time partner died several years ago. .. Initially both families thrived, but in mid-June Mr. Macho’s three signets suddenly disappeared, - presumably the victim of snapping turtles. This left only one swan family on the lake. Then, several weeks later, Mr. Macho and his mate totally disappeared from the lake.

However, about September 1st, Mr. Macho and his mate quite unexpectedly, returned. Meanwhile, the remaining family has thrived and the signets by now are nearly full grown.

Hopefully next year they will all return so we all can enjoy their beauty.

Upcoming Meeting Dates



**Semiannual Meeting
Wednesday,
October 3, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 7, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
6:30 p.m. (if needed)

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 2, 2019
6:30 p.m. (if needed)

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

2018 - 2019 Officers

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ANIMAL CORNER

MALLARD DUCK



We are fortunate to have many mallards - the gorgeous little ducks - on our lake. The males (drakes) are quite beautiful having a glossy green head and tan on their wings and belly.

They are shallow water "dabbling" (they feed by upending and dabbling, rather than by diving), ducks. They are extremely social animals, preferring to congregate in groups of various sizes.

They also omnivorous eaters and very flexible in their choice of food, which includes flies, beetles, and a variety of plant matter. The female lays from 8-13 creamy white eggs which hatch in about 27 days

They are a very adaptable species, often able to thrive in urban areas. The wild mallard is considered the ancestor of most domestic ducks

Be sure to enjoy the antics of these interesting friends.

LIENS ACTUALLY DO WORK!

PAST DUE

As all members are certain to know, the collection of past dues is a difficult, frustrating, and often costly, process. One of the Association's collection weapons it file a lien on the delinquent member's property. This lien is recorded at the county courthouse and thus, it ensures that when the property is sold, often years down the road, any amount owing to the Association at that time, must be paid before title can pass to the new owner. The "lien" weapon is slow but sure.

Recently the Association received a delinquent dues payment of over \$11,000.00 because of on our property lien. Unfortunately, receipts like this are rare, but, if we are patient, eventually this process works. One of the many jobs of our Clerk is to pursue delinquent accounts, which includes recording property liens.

*Laughter is the
shortest distance
between two people*

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 ones:

- * 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!

HERBICIDE NOTIFICATIONS..

Certain state regulations require that lakeside property owners be notified 24 hours before herbicide treatments are actually applied in their area of the lake. That's why some shoreline members will find a written notification posted on their property (normally to a tree) which spells out the restrictions on swimming for several days after an upcoming treatment is applied.

Some members have wondered why they have not received a notice when they have learned that herbicide treatments have actually been applied to the lake.

Simple Answer:

Notifications are given ONLY to homeowners whose waterfront property is close enough to the actual herbicide treatment to be possibly affected by it. If your property is outside the affected area, you will not receive a notice.

Keep this in mind when you don't receive a herbicide treatment notice

“To prevent is better than to cure”

DO YOU SUFFER FROM BLIGHT?

Does your neighbor's yard look like a junkyard? When you look over your side fence do you see an old junk car? or a old boat that hasn't been used for years?



Don't give up hope. There is something you can do about it, but it takes some action by you to get rid of this neighborhood blight. Success will be more likely if you band together with other neighbors to rid your community of this nuisance, but any individual can file a complaint alone.

Residents need to contact Hamburg Township and complete a blight complaint form with them. This can be done anonymously. They will begin an investigation of the matter which can lead to a formal citation given to the offending party. Obviously it would be useful if you could provide the Township with photographs documenting the blight.



You can contact Hamburg Township by telephone at 810-231-1000, at 10405 Merrill Road, Hamburg, MI, 48139, or via their website at www.hamburg.mi.us.

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 (including providing insurance for all possible liabilities) of maintaining these facilities are paid for by the Association. The parks are for the enjoyment of Association members and their guests.

It has come to the attention of the Board 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.

Please Leash Your Dog!



According to the Michigan State Leash Law, it shall be unlawful for any owner to allow any dog to stray unless held properly in leash. This law has various exceptions, but basically, dogs are not allowed to run free. The Association members need to keep this law in mind and be sure that their dogs do not run free.

Obviously simple courtesy dictates for you to clean up after your pet when walking it..

Please take care of your dog and don't allow him to run free, not only for other people's sake, but for the safety of your animal. When dogs are running free, it is so easy for them to get into the road get injured.

For information or enforcement of this law, please contact the Livingston County Animal Control 517-546-2154

INTERESTING INFORMATION!

As always, the RLPOA website is chuck full of information about our lake, neighborhood, and Board happenings.

Be sure to check it out at rushlakepoa.com to find the latest news, photos, and calendars of upcoming events.

You'll be glad you did!

Road Markers Appreciated

Our snowplow drivers really appreciate everyone who places markers along the sides of the road this winter.

The markers help the drivers to easily locate the edges of the roads.



You can help too, by placing 3 –4 foot long sticks along the edges of the road by your property.

These can be purchased from the hardware or you can use any other sticks you can obtain. These markers always help the snowplow drivers clear our roads and are most appreciated by them.

Don't Forget Your Mailbox!



It is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep the area in front of their mailbox cleared of snow and ice. The Association is responsible for the maintenance of the area roads but each homeowner must maintain their mailbox area. Mail delivery will be terminated if the boxes are not kept accessible.

LEAF BURNING

Don't forget that the Hamburg Township burning ordinance only permits burning yard waste during the months of April and May (in the spring) and October and November (in the fall). Also this ordinance allows the burning of leaves and other organic yard waste only under specific conditions.



-Yard waste may consist of leaves, twigs, sticks, limbs or other similar organic yard waste.

-Any burning must begin after 8:00 a.m. and be completely extinguished by 9:00 p.m. permitted days.

-All such burning must be contained or otherwise controlled and shall, under no circumstances, extend beyond the property owner's parcel onto adjacent parcels or roads.

-Fires shall be located no less than 25 feet from any building or less than 10 feet from the property line.

-All such burnings must be supervised at all times by an adult and never left unattended.

-No burning of garbage, animal carcass, refuse, trash, or rubbish.

Please make sure that your fall burning of yard waste complies with this ordinance.



**Sign
Up
Today!**

Nowadays, almost all of us use the internet and email. As you know your Board relies on these services virtually every day. We are able to make your life easier by permitting you to receive both your newsletters and your annual dues statement by email. Also, if you wish, we will email important updates, reminders, and developments as they arise.

Also, members that use this paperless newsletter service are saving the Association mailing costs, which are substantial for such a large association.

If you wish any of these services, please contact the Clerk at 734-878-03450.

Elderly Neighbors

Be sure and keep an extra eye on your elderly neighbors during the winter season. With the snow and ice, it may be difficult for them to get around and they may need a helping hand. Particularly during cold weather, you might not see them around as much as you would in the warmer weather.

It is always good to check on them occasionally to make sure everything is okay or if they need some help.

Hypothermia

When your body temperature falls below normal, hypothermia occurs, which can be serious. To avoid hypothermia:



- protect yourself from the wind
- keep yourself hydrated
- wear warm clothing, including a hat and gloves or mittens
- stay dry
- do not leave your skin exposed for long periods of time
- take care with areas most affected by hypothermia, nose, ears, fingers, cheeks and toes.

Symptoms include slurred speech, confusion, loss of coordination, apathy and irrational behavior.

HILLSIDE PARK

NO PARKING

Please do not park in the area cleared of snow at Hillside Park. This area is cleared off for parents to park when waiting to pick up their children from the bus.



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Mailing Label

**Rush Lake Property Owners
 Association
 Semiannual Meeting**

October 3, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Registration and Social Time begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Hamburg Township Community Center
 10405 Merrill Road**

Agenda Items To Be Discussed

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| LAKE | ROADS |
| PARKS | BUDGET 2019 |

ANY ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Meet Your



Neighbors!

Prior to the Fall Semiannual meeting October 3, there will be a social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and realize we all share a common goal of having Rush Lake a safe, healthy and happy place to live. Following the meeting, some food will be served to give everyone a chance to meet. Plan to attend and be a part of the Rush Lake neighborhood!