



Rush Lake News



Fall 2017

Rush Lake Property
Owners Association

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LAKE MANAGEMENT REPORT

As our summer season has come to a close, the board members discussed lake improvements and herbicide treatments at our September board meeting. Association members that attended the Spring 2017 semi-annual meeting learned that we had moved in a different direction for herbicide treatments for the lake and canals, and have eliminated weed harvesting.

During the past three summers we had contracted with a weed harvesting company to cut and harvest native plant weeds in select areas of the lake where the DEQ prohibited treatments. One of the consequences of harvesting is the potential spread of the invasive weed known as Eurasian Milfoil. Clippings from harvested milfoil weeds spread across our lake and the lake management company advised us that we were seeing an increase in the growth of the Eurasian Milfoil weed.

After meeting with the contractor in February to discuss 2016 results and develop plans for 2017, the board strongly agreed that we should eliminate the weed

harvesting portion of our lake improvement/herbicide plans for 2017.

The contractor recommended, and we implemented, a very aggressive herbicide treatment plan in the areas allowed by the DEQ, and we performed this work in early June.

Overall, the board felt that this treatment plan was successful in keeping the main body of the lake free of weeds for the summer season. This aggressive treatment came at a price. While we were budgeted to spend approximately \$31,500 for lake improvements, our final bill for 2017 will be well over \$36,000.

In late winter/early spring, we will again meet with our lake management company (Lake Pro) to review 2017 results and make plans for 2018 treatments.

**Ostriches can run
faster than horses,
and the males can
roar like lions.**

SWAN UPDATE

Since the ‘spring invasion’ of last April of about 60

swans



(almost all

whom found another home by mid-May), the swan population on the lake has been consistently about six in number. Hopefully we will not see a similar ‘invasion’ – at least one that doesn’t stick around into May – next spring.

On a pleasanter front, our long standing widow, the chief swan male, ‘Mr. Macho’, did return as usual, and this year, unlike last year, brought a new wife with him. Although we all are told that swans ‘mate for life’, the reality is that some do find a new mate.

This year they had seven goslings, but unfortunately they lost seven of them. The fact is that Macho’s previous wife, immediately after birth, took her brood out onto the lake where they stayed all day, only to return to their nest at night.

This meant that the goslings spent little time in the wetlands where their nemesis the snapping turtle resides.

We suspect that the latest mother swan wasn’t wise enough to do this, and, therefore she lost most of her young.

Upcoming Meeting Dates



Semiannual Meeting
Wednesday,
October 4, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2017
6:30 pm

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2017
6:30 p.m. (if needed)

Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 3, 2017
6:30 p.m. (if needed)

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

2017 - 2018 Officers

President Lois Pescia
Vice President Eric Schaufele
Treasurer Lex Kinter
Secretary Joe Grech

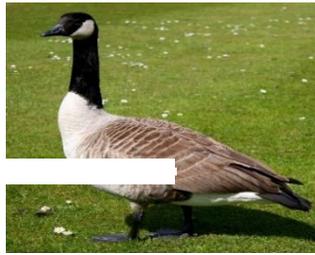
Board Members

Fred Clough
Christina Letzring
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ANIMAL CORNER

THE CANADIAN GOOSE



Canadian geese are large beautiful, but controversial, inhabitants of Rush Lake.

Unfortunately, to most members, their beauty does not outweigh the lawn mess they create when they regularly and, with gusto, poop on our nice, green lawns.

These geese were virtually eliminated from Michigan in the early 1900s, but have made a resounding comeback since then.

Our geese nest in the wetlands at the western end of Rush Lake. At about three years of age, they began to breed, and have from about 1-7 goslings. They are very attentive and caring parents.

The male ("gander") usually stands at the edge of their family as a sentinel keeping watch, while the female ("goose") attends to their young ("goslings"). The adults molt their flight feathers by about the middle of June and become flightless for a time.

CHECK IT OUT!

The RLPOA website is still the place to find loads of information about the "goings on" at our lake. It has a ton of information, photos, charts, minute of our meetings, and other facts about our lake, our neighbors and our community.



Give it a try – you won't regret it! Just click on rushlakepoa.com for an exciting experience!

CLERK'S NEW

EMAIL ADDRESS !



Please note: the RLPOA Clerk has a new email address:
clerk@rushlakepoa.com

The old @yahoo.com address no longer valid.

Snow Plow

Markers

Winter will be here soon , and with it will come the snow! To help the snow plow drivers see where the edges of the roads are, they have asked if Association members would please place 3 - 4 foot long sticks or stakes along the edges of your road. This not only enables them to tell at a glance the location of the edge of the road, but it also keeps them from plowing across the edges of your grass. If we all place a few sticks along our section of the road, it will make it easier for them to plow our roads more effectively.



Rake Leaves Away From Shore

Please be sure while doing fall clean-up in your yard, to rake the leaves away from the lake. Allowing organic material such as leaves, grass clippings, etc. to enter the lake will simply add phosphorus to the lake, which will aid the growth of weeds and algae.



You Can Help Care For Your Environment

There are many ways you can help to care for the environment. If we all put a bit in some effort, we could insure that our natural resources will still be here for our grandchildren. The following are just a few of the many ways we can help:

- ❖ Plant a tree as trees can help clean up the air.
- ❖ Recycle glass, tin, plastic and paper.
- ❖ Buy recycled products.
- ❖ Save energy by turning off radios, televisions, etc. when you are not using them.
- ❖ Save paper by using both sides before recycling.
- ❖ Save water. Turn the water off when you aren't using it, such as when you are brushing your teeth.
- ❖ Leave your car at home when possible. Ride a bike, walk or use public transportation.
- ❖ Don't throw away old things. Find another use for it or someone else who can use it.
- ❖ Don't litter. Put trash where it belongs.

Boat Launch Key Floats Available

When a member is issued a boat launch key, it comes with a blue anchor shaped float attached. Members have been asking if they may purchase key floats, so the Board has approved the purchase of additional quantities of these float for any member who would like to purchase one.

These floats may be purchased at any meeting for \$2.00 each. If you would prefer one sent to you, just contact the Association Clerk and one will be sent to you for \$4.00 each.

Don't Block The Road

During the winter months, if at all possible, please don't park your vehicle in the roadway. If your vehicle is in the roadway when the plow comes by, that area will not be plowed, and eventually the road will get narrower making it difficult to get by as the season progresses.

Also, members are asked to keep trash cans out of the roadway. Often the trash company will just dump the cans back into the road..Please take a minute to pick them up as soon as possible. Also, please, don't store them in the roadway.



***Mailbox Areas
Need To Be
Cleared***

Just a reminder to be sure to keep the area in front of your mailbox cleared of ice and snow. The Association is responsible for clearing the roads, but each homeowner is responsible for the area directly in front of their mailbox. Mail delivery can be terminated if the mailbox is not kept accessible.



***EXCELLENT E.COLI
REPORTS***

There was good news for swimmers this year! All of the E.coli tests done this summer have had excellent results.



Our lake is tested for E.coli levels just before the major summer holidays: Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. Samples are taken at the three parks, Lakeview, Sunset, and Hillside, and also at the Moon Shadows Beach.

PARK LIGHTS

Should you ever notice that any park lights are not on at night, please call the hotline (734-878-0340) or email clerk@rushlakepoa.com. The Board appreciates the members who have taken the time to alert the Board to this situation. Without the member's help, the Board might not realize a light is out so cannot make arrangements to have the light repaired.

***Welcome,
New Members***

The Association is pleased to welcome the following new families who have purchased property within our Association this year:

Bassett

Biel

Carly

Cataldo

Cervantes

Duran

Eiseman

Frankfort

Graham

Harmon

Holder

Keskitalo

Frumrei

Montney

Nelson

Phelps

Schuett

Sieniarecki

Sillence

Smith

Stewart

***SLOW
Down!***

With school back in session, we all need to drive more slowly so we can help protect our children. Now many kids will be walking on the streets to their bus stops, so we must be extra cautious when Driving, especially when we drive in the dark. The few seconds we may save by speeding are not worth the danger you create for our children.

Please leave a few minutes earlier and slow down.

Both our parents and our children will thank you!



*DOGS TURN IN
CIRCLES BEFORE
LYING DOWN
BECAUSE IN THE
WILD THIS
TURNS LONG
GRASS INTO A
BED.*

(New Members continued)

Weiss

Williams

Have An Email Address?



Would you like to receive periodic updates, reminders, or notices of interest from the Association? If you would like to be added to those who receive ...Association emails, please send an email to: clerk@rushlakepoa.com and ask to be added to the list.

Are you interested in receiving your newsletters electronically? Please send an email to clerk@rushlakepoa.com to let us know that you would prefer it electronically.

Did You Know?

Fish have a special sense organ called the lateral line, which works much like radar in that it helps them navigate in dark or murky water by feeling vibrations in the water around them. The lateral line, a series of pores, runs along both sides of a fish's body and detect frequencies of vibrations. The lateral lines can tell the fish from which direction a sound originated, how close it is, and how large it is. These lateral lines also help fish to swim in schools.

Be a responsible pet owner

Do you always clean up after your pet? It is always nice to see pet owners pick up after their pets when they take them out for a walk.

It's easy to clean up by carrying plastic baggies and paper towels in your pocket. The mess then can be easily disposed of in the garbage.



Also, pet waste can be damaging to the environment. It can easily be washed into our streams and lakes, where the bacteria can seriously degrade the waterway. Pet waste also can add nitrogen to the water, which can deplete the oxygen in the water which is necessary for the growth of beneficial underwater plants, wildlife and fish.

If everyone would be responsible and clean up after their pets, think how pleasant it would be to go to a park without fear of stepping in pet waste. Why not start today showing everyone how responsible you are by cleaning up after your pet and maybe others will learn from you.

No trailers or boats



are to be stored in any of the Rush Lake Parks. Items left in the parks will be removed.

Beware of the Umbles

If someone is exposed to cold temperatures, their body can begin to lose heat faster than it can be produced, and if it gets too low, it can affect the brain, which makes the person unable to think clearly or move easily. This makes hypothermia very dangerous, as a person may not realize what is happening to them and thus, not be able to do anything about it.

One of the first symptoms of hypothermia is the "umbles" and mild shivering. The "umbles" can best be described as:

Mumble – A person suffering from hypothermia may start to mumble or slur their speech.

Fumble – He or she may also become clumsy or fumble with tasks. Even a simple task such as zipping a jacket becomes a challenge for someone with mild hypothermia.

Stumble – The person may also stumble; as their footing may not be as precise as usual, and they may easily tripp over small obstacles.

Grumble – They also may start to grumble or complain about simple things.

If someone begins exhibiting signs of having the "umbles" - mumble, stumble, fumble, and grumble – you should consider whether they could be suffering from hypothermia.



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Mailing Label

**Rush Lake Property Owners
Association
Semiannual Meeting**

October 4, 2017 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
Lake**

Parks

Roads

Budget 2018

**Any Additions
To The Agenda**

Meet Your



Neighbors!

Prior to the Fall Semiannual meeting October 4, 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, pizza will be served to give everyone a chance to meet. Plan to attend and be a part of the Rush Lake neighborhood!