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# President's Report

Hugh Rhorer

## *Safety!*

“You have a place on a beautiful lake that unfortunately turns into a nightmare on some weekends during the summer due to inconsiderate, and at times even careless or reckless, boaters. A speedboat zips by at high speed within 30 feet of your sailboat or kids swimming. Someone is water skiing at night when it is so dark that it is difficult to see three feet in front of a boat. A personal watercraft is jumping wakes behind a speedboat dangerously close to a water toboggan being pulled behind the boat.”

Sound familiar? It is too close to home isn't it! Well this is the first paragraph of an article in the *Michigan Riparian*. It can only mean that we are not unique in our concerns and problems on the lake. Do we need more laws? According to Attorney Clifford Bloom, no. What we do need is someone to enforce the current laws. Is that your job? Is it mine? Well yes in a way. It is your duty and mine to ensure that anyone that operates a watercraft that belongs to us has the proper training and knowledge of not only proper watercraft operation, but the rules of the road and our lake. It is your duty and mine to report all boaters that violate those laws and drive recklessly endangering people on our lake.

Your Association, through the efforts of **Tony Saliccioli**, will have more sheriff patrols on our lake this year. Remember, this is a good thing. Especially, if it means that watercraft operators will abide by the laws or get off the lake. Either way we will have a safer lake. When the Sheriff is on the lake, wave and smile at them. Pull them over and ask them your questions about boating. Tell them what you think are the problems on the lake. You have to be pro-active in ensuring the safety for everyone on the lake. Do not wait until someone is seriously injured or killed. It could be your neighbor, your friend, or a member of your family.

## *Buffers!*

It seems that everyone is talking about buffers. The Rouge watershed people, the Huron River watershed people, and even the United States Department of Agriculture. How wide should the buffer be, how strictly should it be enforced. Why buffers, because properly installed and maintained buffers can keep pesticides, sediments and nutrients from reaching the lake. What are buffers? Filter strips of grass or other permanent vegetation that are used to intercept or trap sediment, organic pesticides, nutrients and other contaminants before they can reach a body of water. They control surface runoff. They can also serve as a nesting place for birds and other species of wildlife.

So you spent all of that money to have a waterfront home. Then you spent even more money to landscape the lot just right. Now this “buffer” thing comes up and they want you not to mow the first 50 feet from the water line. Who are they kidding? Well look at the budget for LSA. The most costly thing we spend your money on is weed control. How could we reduce the need for weed control? Well most certainly is the prevention of “fertilizer” entering the lake. We want to have green lawns, after all we live on a lake. However, if that stuff makes our lawn green guess what it does to weeds. You got it, it makes the weeds grow. So what good is it to live on a lake that has so many weeds that you cannot swim, drive a boat, or see the sun gleam off the surface of the water. You got it, we then have to kill those weeds. What happens when you kill the weeds? They wither and fall to the bottom of the lake creating muck and a great place for, guess what, growing more weeds.

Ever see the movie “Catch 22”. This weed thing seems like that. So we do not want to grow knee high grass in our backyards. How can we help to protect our lake? Well here are a few suggestions:

Let the grass in the backyard grow a little longer to help slow down runoff

Try not fertilizing the backyard, just run the backyard sprinkler zone a little longer

If you have to use fertilizer, use a lake friendly blend.

Rake the leaves out of the lake in the spring or the fall

Do not dump or blow any organic material in the lake like grass clippings

In the past 50 years our lake has survived quite a lot. The run-off from all of the construction of the homes on the lake. The nearly fatal backyard septic systems. Sediment from construction not on the lake like from the elementary and middle schools and our “friends” north of the lake. After all of this, our lake remains one of the most desirable places to live in Oakland County.

Eventually, all of us will have to deal with the reality of having to dredge the muck out of the whole lake. This will be inconvenient and costly. However, the actions that we take now will not only delay this costly measure, but make our lake a better place to live for everyone.

*Have a great Spring!*

## Whirlyball

Once again a great time was had by the 38 neighbors and friends who attended the whirlyball event this year. Smiles, laughter, cheers and groans, yes groans, were heard throughout the evening! What a great group of people we had attend, we sure did have a lot of fun! A great big THANK YOU to all who helped me organize this event.

**Carol Gitre**

# Bulletin Board

## BUSINESS SERVICE:

### **Babysitter For Hire:**

Makenna O'Brien is a responsible 13 year old that has taken her babysitter certification class at Huron Valley Hospital. She is available for babysitting or dog sitting on a local basis. Please contact her at 684-7775.

### **Kids Birthday Party Ideas:**

We do kickboxing fitness birthday parties for kids 8 and up. Rent our Body Language studio for an hour of personalized kickboxing, slide, fitball, step and weight training fun. Be fit have fun! Call **Chris Lundin** for more details 684-9061. (\$125.00 hour)

### **Custom Design & Installation**

Home Theatre, Audio/Video systems, multi-room entertainment, telephone intercom, & satellite systems. Specializing in Bose music systems. Will design & install in your home. Call Dave Burnock @ DB Contracting 684-7500

## FOUND:

**Child's Plastic Play Castle Found:** This fall on a very windy day, a child's castle type plastic structure made by Little Tyke washed ashore on our property (Winewood). If you want to claim it, please call the Finzels at 684-7660.

## FOR RENT:

**Condo for Rent:** Hilton Head Condo for Rent-South Forest Beach area. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, two story condo just a close walk to the beach. Your rental includes free tennis at the Van De Mer Tennis Center. \$700.00/week. Please contact Diann at 684-6014 for more information.

## FOR SALE:

**Mary Kay:** If you need any Mary Kay products, please call **Vicky Schei**, an independent Mary Kay Representative @ 684-2503.

**Lift For Sale:** 2 place personal watercraft lift. 7 years old. Good condition. Price: \$450.00/best. Phone: 684-7775.

**Skin Care Products For Sale:** Arbonne: Pure Swiss Skin Care Products, Cosmetics, Nutritional Products and Progesterone Cream. Call for a catalog. **Chris Cosnowski** - 248-685-9085.

**Car For Sale:** 1995 Ford Escort LX 4 Door Wagon, 5 Speed Manual, A/C Rustproof, Clean, 49,000 miles, \$ 3650.00 obo.

Call Tony 248-684-1150

### **Animation Cels Collection For Sale.**

Hundreds of original production animation cels and hand painted production backgrounds are available. I also have numerous serigraphs and lithographs. Production companies such as; Disney, Warner Bros., Walter Lantz, Filmation Studios, Hanna Barbera, Marvel Studios, etc. Many of the cels have frames and are matted. A short list of the cels are: Mickey Mouse, Ariel, Bugs Bunny, Tasmanian Devil, Cinderella, Mighty Mouse, Lord of the Rings, Archie's, Iron Man, X Men, The Hulk, Wolverine and hundreds more. I have collected these cels over the last 15 years. They make great gifts for friends and family. You can purchase single units or the entire collection. All cels come with guaranteed authenticity and most will be sold at wholesale prices. If you are interested in a personal viewing please call Jim O'Brien at 684-7775.

### **Wakeboard Pole For Sale:**

Wakeboard 7' pole. Fits any ski boat. All hardware is included. Excellent condition only used 1 season. \$250.00. Phone: 684-7775.

## **JOB WANTED:**

### **Summer Job Wanted:**

MSU junior majoring in packaging engineering is looking for employment from early May till mid August. Hardworking, dependable and will consider almost any type of work. Please contact **Chris Miller** at mille914@msu.edu or at 248-767-3377.

## **HELP WANTED:**

**Midwest Dock** is looking for strong help for dock work. Put in docks in the spring and out in the fall. For more information, call Bob at 684 0404.

## **WANTED:**

**Pontoon Boat Wanted:** Pontoon Boat: 20 ' or 21'; please call Cheryl or David Miller at 684-0856

## **Community News:**

### **BIRTHS**

**Ed & Pat Huber** were grandparents again for the eighth and ninth time on Jan. 15, 2002.

Ed is holding his grandson, **Noah Edward** while **Pat** is shown holding **Emma Mary**. Their son Richard and his wife Rachel also have a 2 1/2 year old girl, **Maggie Isabel** and they live in Grosse Point Woods.

**Joe and Aimee Wiercioch** of Starwood Drive are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, **Joseph Robert Wiercioch**. Joey was born January 15th, 2002. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21.5" long.

**Andrea and Tom Zabawa**, of Tiquewood Circle, are pleased to announce the birth of their third (and final) son. **Brady Alexander** was born on January 25, 2002. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches. **Brady** has two big brothers, **Noah** who is 5 1/2 and **Dawson** who is 2 1/2 years old.

**Trigg Name Continues:**

**Tom and Lillie Trigg**, of Windwood Ct, are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild. **Joseph Edward Trigg II** made his appearance in this world on January 2nd. Weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 21 inches long, Joey is the first grandson to carry the **Trigg** surname and he takes that position very seriously as you can see from his picture!

## Congratulations

**Wonder Woman lives here!**

**Diana Dietle** (Ravinewood Drive) received the *Wonder Woman Award* from the Women's Survival Center of Oakland County. The annual award was presented for her efforts to improve the lives of Oakland County women and their families. According to the Oakland County Bar Association Magazine *Laches*.—"Diana is a tireless volunteer and was the 2000 recipient of Liberty Bell Award from both the Oakland County Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan."

"This award (Liberty Bell Award) recognizes outstanding service performed by a non-lawyer citizen who has given of their time and energy to strengthen the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law, in keeping with the spirit of our Constitution. **Dietle** currently serves as general manager of Talent Coordinators in Birmingham, Michigan and is also producer of the Oakland County Bar Association's television program, "Due Process." This program, which airs on WDIV-TV in Detroit, seeks to educate the general public about various areas of the law. **Dietle** has been involved in various organizational activities related to charities and civic associations including planning and public relations for the Michigan Kidney Foundation, special projects coordinator for the Michigan Cancer Foundation and fundraising and special activity director for the Children's Hospital of Michigan. She is a board member and officer of the Child Abuse & Neglect Council of Oakland County, a board member of the Oakland County Bar Foundation, and serves on the Event Committee of the Children's Charities Coalition. " Congratulations Diana!

**Eagle Rank achieved by Matt Gepper**

**Matt Gepper**, son of **Donald & Linda** of Triwood, was honored by Commerce Twp. by resolution at the board meeting on January 8th for his achievement of obtaining his Eagle Rank in Boy Scouts. Matt earned his Eagle Scout by building a 40 foot section of environmental boardwalk at Proud Lake State Park. Matt is currently a freshman at Ferris State University and assistant scoutmaster with Troup 172. An article on Matt's accomplishments were featured in the Milford Times as well as the Oakland Press. Congratulations Matt!

**Weakest Link Participant:**

**Meghan Kruse** was on the Weakest Link Show. Meghan lives in Pittsburgh & is the married daughter of **Frank Jacoby** (Driftwood). The Jacoby's hosted a small Weakest Link Party for their young boys, **Reid & Brent** (ages 10 and 11) and their friends.

## Promotion:

### **Rob Kelel was promoted to the Brighton ABC Appliance Store**

**Rob Kelel**, of Leafwood Dr., has been promoted to General Manager of the ABC Appliance Brighton store. Rob was the manager at the Farmington store and many of us have sought him there for our appliances.

Rob has been on the LSA "Good Guy" list several times because of the great, "no hassle" buys he gives his Lake Sherwood neighbors. Rob assures me, he still is selling and will still be giving great deals at the Brighton Store.

Rob has been very active member of Lake Sherwood and past Vice President of the Association. He was featured neighbor in the September Issue of this Newsletter also. Congratulations Rob!

### **Rani Ghose Elwy receives doctorate degree**

**Rani Ghose Elwy**, daughter of **Prateep** and **Andrea Ghose** (Winewood) has just received (Jan. 23) her doctorate in psychology from the University of London, Kings College in London, United Kingdom. She is now the Director of Health Psychology Research Consultants in Birmingham, Michigan.

## New Neighbors

**Monica & Dennis Parsons** have moved into the Siegel home at 4750 Surfwood.

## Obituary

**Michelle Mikulec** passed away on Feb. 22 at the age of 50. Michelle was the daughter of **Laura** and the late **Joe Mikulec**, formerly of Lake Sherwood and current resident of Milford.

### Obituary

**Loretta Zvoch** of Driftwood Drive passed away on January 18, at the age of 81. Loretta, was the mother of 5 and had sixteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Memorials can be given to the Teresa Kurtz Elementary School Library.

### "Remembering Loretta Zvoch"

35 years ago, Loretta with her husband and children, built their dream home and moved to Lake Sherwood. Over the years, they enjoyed all our lake has to offer: boating, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, and gazing at the lake. We lost Loretta on January 18th at the age of 81.

In addition to being a wonderful wife, mother, neighbor and friend, she volunteered her time as a teacher's assistant at Kurtz Elementary School and taught many children the fundamentals of phonics and shared the joy of reading. A memorial fund has been set up in her name at the Kurtz Elementary School Library.

Loretta was the unofficial welcome wagon lady providing a warm welcome to newcomers with a gift basket and a boat tour of the lake and a car tour of the area.

Loretta was a friend to all and if you were lucky enough to live near her, you became a part of her extended family. I know, for my family and I were blessed with the love of our "adopted Mom and Grandma". We will all miss her.

Cathy Tallon, Guest Writer

## Oakland County First!

As reported in the 2/26 issue of the Oakland Press, ..“Lakeland’s **Kris Janssen** has done something no other Oakland County high school student ever has: He won the individual skiing state championship. Janssen won the slalom in the Class A meet at Boyne Mountain.”

## Sports

We have some celebrities in the neighborhood!

Four of the Lakeland High School Ski Team Superstars live within the Lake Sherwood borders. Both Lakeland Teams, girls and boys placed 6th in the state at the Class A State Finals which were held at Boyne Mountain on February 25th.

**Jessica Borg** of Driftwood has been a strong competitor for the girls team and skied well in the finals to help the Lakeland girls capture their 6th place finish.

**Brandon Janssen** of Inverrary has been a huge addition to the Lakeland boys team since joining this year. He skied well enough to place 9th and win his first medal in the Giant Slalom at the high school Regional meet at Alpine Valley.

**Anthony Fiore** of Surfwood had a tremendous year, skiing well and being a solid finisher all year long. Anthony won a 7th place medal in the giant Slalom and 6th place in the Slalom at the High School divisional meet at Alpine Valley.

**Kris Janssen** of Inverrary, once again anchored the boys team. Kris’s list of accomplishments is long. He placed 1st in Slalom and 4th in the Giant Slalom at the Divisional Meet, 2nd in Slalom and 3rd in Giant Slalom at the League Meet, 1st in Slalom and 2nd in Giant Slalom at the Regional Meet. Kris topped off his high school skiing career with a 1st place finish in the Slalom event at the High School Class A State Meet! This is the first time a skier from Oakland County has EVER been State Champion for either event!

All of the boys worked hard to keep the Lakeland boys ski team undefeated record intact. They have won their last 33 dual meets spanning over the last 4 1/2 years. An unprecedented accomplishment! The kids have worked really hard for themselves and their team. Congratulations to all of them on a job VERY WELL

## Goose Round Up

Did you notice all the goose droppings on your beach, on the islands, or in the water last fall? Would you like to

help do something about it?

Now is the time for us to start planning for the goose round up and nest programs. If you have any information you can share with me as to where the geese nest other than the islands, please call or email me as soon as possible. The first program starts April 1. We don't have a lot of time. We have substantial shoreline and can only be efficient with help from all of you.

I need volunteers for the goose round-up which will be held in late June. No experience is necessary!!! It only takes about two hours of your time early one Saturday morning, and makes a huge difference in the quality of the water and the cleanliness of the beaches during the summer. We don't touch the geese, we herd them into a fenced area, and have professionals who pick them up and ship them to another state to vacation for the summer. They will come back by fall, but we usually get 2-3 months of geese free enjoyment on the lake.

There have been reports of 100 or more geese on the lake this winter, so we need your help now more than ever! If you think you may be interested, please call or email me. If you decide to decline after you find out more, or if the date is not convenient once we know it, you are not committed to help.

The round-up is a nice way to enjoy the serenity of the lake one morning, and we'll all enjoy the results for months to follow.

Shelley Fiore  
684-5527

## General Membership Minutes

Cheryl Miller, Recording Secretary

The following are the minutes from the February 7, 2002, Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting. This meeting was rescheduled from the original date of January 31, 2002 due to inclement weather. These minutes are subject to the approval of the membership.

**Hugh Rhorer** called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

*The minutes of the previous meeting (September 13, 2001) were accepted and approved by unanimous consent, as distributed and as they appeared in the November 2001 Newsbrief.*

## Treasurer's Report and Approval of 2001 Operations

The Treasurer's report was approved as published in the February 2002 Newsbrief.

## OFFICER'S REPORTS:

### Vice President's Report

**Donna Ribick** was not in attendance, thus no report was made.

## Corresponding Secretary

**Martha Klemmer** commented on a variety of initiatives in the past year including an improved and better maintained website, enhanced communication through better use of email, an expanded newsletter with new feature articles, including a Community Board, Featured Neighbors, Acts of Kindness, Sound Off, Cheers and Jeers. She has added color and photos that has also enhanced the appearance of the Newsbrief. Martha thanked **David Miller** for his assistance with new software and **Linda Tucker** for providing photos for the Newsbrief. Martha also reported that the newsletter now only costs the LSA approximately \$125 per issue due to enhanced advertiser revenue. In order to reach her goal of a free newsletter, two additional advertisers are needed. Martha reminded everyone to please patronize the newsletter advertisers. Additionally, Martha reported that she had spent significant time in the past year updating the by-laws. This year, she hopes to complete a welcome kit for new residents. **The Corresponding Secretary's report was accepted by unanimous consent.**

## President's Report

**Hugh Rhorer** reiterated his report as printed in the February Newsletter. He thanked the many volunteers who make Lake Sherwood such a special place to live. **The President's report was accepted by unanimous consent.**

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The Treasurer's report was **approved as published in the February 2002 Newsbrief.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A-lots & Docks

**Chris Lundin** reported that the committee is getting organized and has 10-12 members. A-lot captains are being assigned to monitor the docks and keep them functioning and in good shape for the upcoming season. Chris also indicated that their goal is to have the committee be self-sufficient with revenue from the dock assignments covering the costs of any needed repairs. *Chris' report was accepted by unanimous consent.*

## Architectural Controls and Rules

**Ed Huber** was not in attendance but Hugh reported that 18 requests for improvements were processed in 2001, as well as 2 requests for new homes, with one of the homes being built.

**Jay Server** reported that Rules and Regulations have been quiet this year, but he added that island use permits were already being submitted. He reminded everyone that such permits are needed to use an island between 11 PM and 8:00 AM as well

as for residents planning to spend the night on an island. **Ed's report, as presented by Hugh, was accepted by unanimous consent.**

## Lakes Committee

Tony Salciccioli provided the report in **Linda Tucker's** absence. He reported that the boat ramps would open on April 1 with a new schedule that can be viewed on the website. The results of the 2001 fishing contest will be reported by **Dan Devine** in the next Newsbrief, as well as on the website. Concerning **Jim Bogg's** Water Quality report, Tony indicated that they are preparing a report that will address the best method of removing organic muck. An update might be available in next Newsbrief. The pros and cons of milfoil beetles will also be in the next Newsbrief. **Lisa Tamm** is currently processing the appropriate DEQ permits for weed control. Tony also reported that the sheriff would be patrolling 2-3 weekdays from 3 PM until 10 PM or 11 PM as well as weekends and that the proposed budget allows this amount of patrolling. "CPR for Families and Friends" will be scheduled in March and will involve one four-hour class. At least ten people are needed to hold a class with a cost of \$20 or \$25 per person. Tony did not have updates from the Goose Round up or Water Shed sub-committees. *Tony's report was accepted by unanimous consent.*

## Maintenance, Grounds and Improvement

**Joyce Wilkerson** asked **Loretta Rhorer** to review the accomplishments of the Grounds and Improvements Committee as detailed in the February Newsbrief. For 2002, she indicated that the focus would be on clean up work with few new projects. Plans for the year include removal of poison ivy from the Ledgewood Bridge and the repair and completion of the seawall at the Ledgewood bridge. Several firms will be used for improvement and maintenance work. Loretta reminded everyone to submit suggestions via the Newsbrief and she thanked everyone for their continued support.

In **Sandy Weber's** absence, **Joyce** provided the maintenance report including the major accomplishment of completing the replacement of the seawall structure surrounding the Lake Sherwood dam. *Both the Grounds and Improvements and Maintenance Committee reports were accepted by unanimous consent.*

## Social

**Martha Mortier** confirmed that fireworks would again be part of Lake Sherwood's July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. **Sharon Sarkisian** reported that the children's Christmas party was not well attended and asked for input concerning the poor turnout. A volunteer for the 2002 party is still needed. The holiday lighting contest was terrific with the judges having

very difficult decisions. The winter carnival was cancelled due to unsafe ice conditions. Volunteers are still needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Sharon reviewed some new activities for the year including tennis and basketball classes and tournaments for all ages and a daytime family picnic with games and various activities *The report was accepted by unanimous consent.*

## Wildwood River

Karl Nordstrom reported that the canal dredging was complete and the material was in the final stages of drying. There are eight 100-foot geotubes containing approximately 7000 cubic yards of material from the canal. This material will be hauled to a type two landfill in the next 2-4 weeks. Karl thanked the LSA for their support of this project. *Karl's report was accepted by unanimous consent.*

# Community Affairs

**Glenn Short** reported that the Oakland Corridor Study would be complete at the end of February. He described the recommended general road improvements that would be detailed at two separate public hearings scheduled for March 5 & 6. Glenn added that no money was allocated for this work in the 30-year budget for Oakland County. He reported that the Steering Committee would continue to meet to discuss financing options for the proposed road improvements. Glenn indicated that \$500,000 of money could be “taken away” from each year’s budget for the next 20-30 years. He added that the construction of 5 lanes for Wixom/Duck Lake and the widening of Commerce Road to 3-4 lanes had been identified as possible improvements but residents should attend the March public hearings for more details. Glenn also stated that he had been attending the Commerce Township meetings where the issue of how lots should be divided has been discussed. It was noted that LSA’s bylaws already disallow the splitting of lots. *Glenn’s report was accepted by unanimous consent.*

## Questions to Officers and Committee Chairpersons

**Loretta Rhorer** responded to a comment about the culverts on Ledgewood and Driftwood. She indicated that both roads would experience temporary closures for repairs since the culverts had been crushed and were not draining properly. She indicated that Commerce Township will not work on this, but rather Oakland County has agreed to some improvements as a result of her inquiries. Loretta added that Oakland County will not repave the subdivision roads, but will fill holes and cracks. She asked everyone with concerns to call her first, not Oakland County.

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Hugh reminded the group of the voting instructions. He asked **Larry Yurek** to be the teller and select non-Board members to help collect and count the ballots.

Hugh announced the following election results:

President: Hugh Rhorer  
Vice President: Andy Sarkisian  
Treasurer: Carol Gosse  
Recording Secretary: Cheryl Miller  
Corresponding Secretary: Martha Klemmer  
Area 1 Loretta Rhorer  
Area 2 Gloria Hughes  
Area 3 Martha Mortier  
Area 4 Tim Stillwell  
Area 6 Lisa Tamm  
Area 7 Bob Stoeckle  
Area 8 Pat Borders  
Area 10 Linda Tucker  
Area 11 Karl Nordstrom

A motion was made, seconded and passed to destroy the ballots.

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## APPROVAL OF 2002 BUDGET

**Kathy Janssen** reported that she had misunderstood the discussion at the last Board meeting and had gone ahead and reduced line items in the proposed budget to reflect potential cuts the Board was prepared to make. Therefore, Kathy reviewed each line item in the budget and indicated what the Board recommended budget should be. She indicated that the Board is recommending that 2002 dues per household should be \$285, a reduction from the 2001 rate of \$330 per household, but higher than the 2000 rate of \$230. For most of the 1990s, the dues were \$180. Kathy noted that the total revenue should be \$184,700 with total expenses totaling \$170,570. This results in a balanced budget for expenditures vs. current year dues. Kathy stressed that the cost to cover just on-going/reoccurring expenses, without any improvements, is \$235 per house. She reviewed in detail the contents of each line item and any significant changes from the previous year.

Kathy explained that the three line items of grounds and maintenance, on-going grounds maintenance and islands and A-lots will be combined and reduced to two line items. She also indicated that revenues over expenses would be \$16,130 in the proposed 2002 budget. When combined with the \$57,000 in cash on hand, excluding cash already set aside to pay for Wildwood River, there would be approximately \$73,000 in reserves at the end of the year. This represents approximately six months of expenses.

**A motion was made and seconded by Larry Yurek to approve the budget as proposed by the Board. Loretta requested an amendment to the motion to make the dues \$300 per household, not \$285, to allow a cushion for emergencies.** Kathy reported that for the past 6 years, LSA had been running a deficit, and had used cash reserves to meet the budget. As a result, the Board had been able to keep the annual dues lower. It was suggested that cash to cover three months of expenses should be maintained. Hugh reported that typically 10% of the dues are not collected annually and this has not been factored into the income side of the budget. Should something catastrophic occur, such as the need for a new dam, it was agreed that dues could not pay for it. Rather, a special assessment would probably be needed. The results of the evaluation of the dam last fall are expected at any time, but serious problems are not anticipated.

**The question was called & the motion, as amended by Loretta, to accept the budget as proposed by the Board but with the annual dues at \$300 per household was defeated.**

**The original motion, to accept the budget as proposed by the Board with 2002 annual dues at \$285 per household, was approved.**

## APPROVAL OF BYLAW CHANGES

**Martha Klemmer** reported that the process to clean up and update the LSA by-laws had been a two-year process. She reviewed each proposed by-law change as detailed in a handout as well as in the February Newsbrief.

### 5.03 Filling Positions

**Martha** explained that not all area reps and Board positions are elected at the same time to ensure continuity with some

new and old members. One clarification was suggested in this section as noted in bold below:

*“The Director who holds office by virtue of being the immediate Past President takes office immediately upon becoming Past President and holds office until the new President’s term(s) expire, unless sooner removed by the Active Members.”*

**A motion was made to approve this section as amended and it was passed unanimously**

Article VI. f. Vacancy

**A motion was made to approve this section as proposed and it was passed unanimously.**

Article X. Rules, Regulations & Deed Restrictions

**A motion was made to approve this section as proposed and it was passed unanimously.**

Article XVII. Arbitration

**Kathy Sawicki**, the LSA Legal Advisor, explained that this change would lessen litigation and would provide for a more efficient and low cost means of solving problems.

**A motion was made to approve this section as proposed and it was passed unanimously.**

[\(For a complete copy of all By Laws - click here\)](#)

**ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**Larry Yurek** suggested that a gift of appreciation for her many years of service be presented to **Kathy Janssen**. **A motion was made and carried unanimously to purchase a gift in an amount not to exceed \$100.** **Loretta Rhorer** offered to select a gift.

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### 5.03 Filling Positions

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*“The Director who holds office by virtue of being the immediate Past President takes office immediately upon becoming Past President and holds office until the **new** President’s term(s) expire, unless sooner removed by the Active Members.”*

**A motion was made to approve this section as amended and it was passed unanimously**

### Article VI. f. Vacancy

**A motion was made to approve this section as proposed and it was passed unanimously.**

### Article X. Rules, Regulations & Deed Restrictions

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**A motion was made to approve this section as proposed and it was passed unanimously.**

### Article XVII. Arbitration

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**Kathy Sawicki**, the LSA Legal Advisor, explained that this change would lessen litigation and would provide for a more efficient and low cost means of solving problems.

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Due to its large size, **Gloria Hughes** suggested that Area 6 be divided. This matter will be discussed further this evening under New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

## Notice from Verizon - Regarding Local Phone Calling:

Since the new 947 area code started January 26—Dial 10 digits for **ALL local calls**. “So that means you need to dial 10 digits (area code & phone number for all local calls even if you dial 248 or 947 area codes”

If you haven't done it yet, remember to reprogram your phone equipment, computer modems, automatic dialers & fax machines so all numbers include area codes.

## Random Acts of Kindness

**Donn Short** did a good deed for LSA. Donn noticed that someone, had dragged a picnic table out on the ice by Higgin's Island. As the ice is not very thick after some of the warmer weather, he carefully made his way out on the ice and put the picnic table back on the island.

**Linda Prihoda** of Ravinewood is always willing to help out neighbors in need. Thanks for the soup & your thoughtfulness.  
**Cathy Brush**

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE - SHARON SARKISIAN

Think Spring. Think Summer. Here are the dates for the Spring and Summer Lake Sherwood activities. See individual flyers for more detail.

## Tennis - Clinics & Recreational Play

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Perennial & Herb Exchange Sunday, May 19

Garage Sale May 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>

Cookies in the Park June 2<sup>nd</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
and Fireworks (Rain date: July 6<sup>th</sup>)

Art in the Park August, 25<sup>th</sup>

Island Party Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

Golf Outing Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

I hope everyone read the Lake Sherwood Featured Neighbors article about **Lynda Heling** and **Pat Roubie**. Eight years ago, Lynda and Pat recruited me to be the Social Committee chairwoman. I had so much fun over the last eight years planning activities, bringing in new activities, and adding to existing ones that the time has just flown by. But after eight years, you sort of run out of ideas and I believe it is time for me to step down at the end of this year. I am looking for a new person(s) take my place. This will be a great opportunity for Lake Sherwood neighbors to work as a team and create new friendships in a social atmosphere. Please contact **Sharon Sarkisian**, if you're interested at 684-5179.

# Crafters Wanted

Do you enjoy making crafts, sewn items, herbal concoctions, watercolors, stained glass, etc? If so, register now for Lake Sherwood's annual Art-in-the-Park to be held Sunday, August 25th from 2 to 5 p.m. in Kendall Park. Register by calling 685-0631. We need a strong show of support to maintain this activity.

# Dog Show Proposed for Kendall Park

In conjunction with the Art-in-the-Park, Lake Sherwood will host a non-juried dog show on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. This activity, which closes the season's "dog days of summer", will take place from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and feature neighborhood pooches. All dogs must be leashed and non-aggressive. Dogs and their masters will vie for first, second, and third place status in a variety of entertaining, non-threatening activities such as highest jump, most unusual trick, longest tail, worst breath, etc. Plan now to attend this event! Entry forms will appear in the June Lake Sherwood newsletter. For further information, call **Kathy Brush** at 685-0147 or **Gloria Hughes** at 685-0631.

# GOOD GUY LIST - [Click here for complete list](#)

# FEATURED NEIGHBOR - PAT ROUBIE & LYNDA HELING

Written by Sharon Sarkisian

We laughed and we reminisced, as I interviewed **Pat Roubie** and **Lynda Heling** for this article. I would have to describe them as the *dynamic duo*. Pat and Lynda were the **Lake Sherwood Social Committee Chairwomen** for eight years (1985-1993). At one general membership meeting in January, **Kent Gardner**, the current president approached Pat. He explained to her there was a need for a new social chairperson. He told her there were only two major events she would have to organize: the 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade and the Christmas Decorating contest. He also indicated another person was willing to help her, Lynda Heling. Lynda and Pat had never met each other before, but this pairing was meant to be. Lynda and Pat had great ideas and right away came up with new events. Their first was a Valentines Dance. It was successful but a little nerve racking, as residents were hesitant on attending something new. There were other dances and events but the most memorable were the island parties.

Lake Sherwood had island parties in the past but they were afternoon picnics on Higgins Island. Pat and Lynda thought if they were going to reinstate the island party they would make it bigger and better and put a little pizzazz into it. They hired a d.j. and a tent, and got the idea for the lip sync contest from the Novi's 50 dance. Dancing the first year was hard on the grass, so Pat enlisted her husband Bill, and Lynda's husband **Dennis**, and their friends to build a wooden dance floor in her driveway. Every year the dance floor was hauled to the island and then brought back to the Roubie's garage for storage. Lynda and Pat came up with ideas to help finance the island party. They sold Lake Sherwood sweatshirts (the logo was designed by Lynda's husband Dennis) and 50/50 tickets. See picture above.

Lynda and Pat were both area representatives, while Lynda also served as Lake Sherwood secretary. She typed the

newsletter on her typewriter, had it copied, and then hand delivered them to all the households in Lake Sherwood. Later she hired some neighborhood children to help do the delivery. Afterwards, she got computerized when **Bill Roubie** typed all the mailing labels.

Pat and Lynda also worked with **Don Soest, Rob Kelel,** and **Mel Carson** on getting a gate at the boat ramp. Lynda had hired the first guard.

**Lynda** lives on Gulfwood with her husband, Dennis and is often visited by her children **Laura, Dena,** and **Rebecca,** and her two grandchildren **Carley** and **Kaitlin.** Lynda is currently a sales representative for Art Carve College rings.

**Pat** lives on Pikewood with her husband, **Bill,** and their daughter **Kristin.** Maybe some of you have seen Pat on television. She is a spokesperson for Ethan Allen. The commercials are aired during the Martha Stewart show. We have a celebrity living in Lake Sherwood!

**Lynda** and **Pat** are still great friends today and we'd like to say thank you for all the years of activities that they have planned for Lake Sherwood and for their enthusiasm in making Lake Sherwood such a Social Place.

**TENNIS ANYONE** - [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

# LAKE SHERWOOD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Saturday, August 24, 2002

Brentwood Golf & Country Club

Get ready for a great time again. Look for details on this great event in the coming months.

The theme will be,

*United We  
Stand*

**Again, we need sponsors to make this event successful.**

Sponsor a hole for \$100.00, contact Loretta Rhorer at 684.6715

We would like to thank our sponsors so far. They are:

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**Brentwood Golf & Country Club** White Lake 684-2662

684-8888

# Community Affairs by Glenn Short

**Commerce Township February Board Meeting** - items of general interest

***Seniors and others can get relief from penalties resulting from late payment of winter taxes.*** Penalty Waiver for Eligible Citizens passed. The County Treasurer now has the ability to waive the late penalty charges for Citizens eligible pursuant to Section 211.44(3) of the Michigan compiled laws.. The law allows waiver of late penalty charges on winter taxes after February 15. The person must have made a claim to the state before February 15 for a credit for property and not have received the credit before February 15. The person must present a copy of the form filed for that credit to the local treasurer. Eligible persons include Senior Citizens, paraplegic, eligible servicemen, eligible veteran, eligible widow, totally and permanently disabled person or blind person. Note that this is not automatic and is at the discretion of the County Treasurer on a case to case basis.

**82-02-1 Land Division Ordinance was passed.** This allows lots to be split and sold to adjacent property in another subdivision. LSA bylaws prohibit lot splitting, so this ordinance does not affect our community.

***The township is considering an ordinance against minors smoking.*** This was requested by the Police (Sheriff) department. It would add the possibility of issuing a misdemeanor ticket rather than the current felony offence under State law. This will be further explained in the March Township Board meeting.

***The township is considering an anti soliciting ordinance.*** This would only effect shopping centers and other public places where complaints of people being approached by solicitors outside of stores are frequent. I asked about adding something about door-to-door soliciting. The answer was that this was not possible as it is covered by Federal laws. Only private neighborhoods (where subdivisions own and maintain the roads) can post signs against soliciting. Homeowners do have a recourse. All solicitors must have a permit from the township – you may ask to see that permit. If the solicitor does not have a permit then you can report them to the sheriff department. Also, posting a sign by your door “No Soliciting” prohibits solicitors from approaching your home under current law. Solicitors may not cut across your property.

### **West Oakland Corridor Study Conclusion**

The study resulted in three corridors being suggested and studied for general road improvements – no State Trunkline (highway). The three corridors for general improvement are: Milford Road; Wixom Rd / Duck Lake Rd; Beck/Benstein/Oxbow lake/Bogie Lake Rds. The cost for the improvements, in today’s dollars, would be just over \$112 Million.

Maps of the suggested area have been update on the WOCS website <http://www.oaklandcorridor.com/>

Recommended improvements to the Wixom Rd / Duck Lake Rd Corridor portion include the following:

5 lane Roadway from I-96 to Maple Rd ( and also south from I-96 to Grand River)

4 lane divided parkway from Maple to Glengary

Continuous 2 lane Roadway from Glengary to Commerce Rd, with a passing lane at Proud Lake

Several Improvements to East/West routes including Commerce Road which would be expanded to three lanes from Bogie Lake Road to West through Milford to Milford Road (apparently including Summit)

These improvements would greatly help traffic flow in the future, and that there is no funding available at this time or the foreseeable future to make such extensive improvements. An “Interlocal” (Intergovernmental) Commission is recommended as a potential way to gain funds from both traditional and non-traditional sources while at the same time keep the control with local government. Likely small pieces of the project would be accomplished gradually over the next 10 to 30 years. *Tom Zoner recently commented to me that the problem with an interlocal commission is that Commerce Township has a higher State Equalized Evaluation total than surrounding townships. Thus he is cautious about any potential millage to be “shared” for such projects as our residents would effectively be paying more than their share than other townships. Other financial resources would be preferred.*

# Attention A-Lot Dock Users;

We are starting the process of collecting the annual A-Lot registrations forms. Please complete the forms and return them to your A-Lot captain as soon as possible, or use the web site to submit your form. We would like to have all registrations in by May 15, 2002. **Un-registered docks may be reassigned.**

**If you are new to the area and looking to be assigned a dock, please contact Gordon Smith at 684-0379.** If you will not be using your slip this year, please contact Gordon or you're A-Lot captain.

Please be aware of the Dock requirements if you will be replacing or repairing your dock. All boat lifts must meet requirements. Remember dues must be paid in full. If you have questions contact your A-Lot Captain or Gordon Smith.

## LAKE SHERWOOD A-LOT DOCK COMMITTEE DOCK COMMITTEE

<b><u>CHAIRMAN</u></b>	<b>Dr. Gordon Smith</b>	<b>684-0379</b>
<b><u>A-Lots</u></b>	<b><u>A-Lot Dock Captains:</u></b>	
Commerce	Craig & Chris Lundin	684 9061
Driftwood	Jim Coleman & Linda Gepper	685-0227  684-5716
Leafwood	Stuart Feravich	676 9712
Ledgewood	Rick & Kathy Sawicki & Gary Woodington	685-7056  684-0408
Pikewood	Dennis Moore	685-0736
Ravinewood East	Paul MacDonald	685-9736
Ravinewood West	Dave Born	676-9445
Starwood	Dave Schave	685-7567
Wavewood	Carol Gitre	685-7515

# **Annual Dock Registration Form:** [Click Here](#)

# **A-Lot Dock Specification:** [Click Here](#)

## **Lakes Committee - Linda Tucker**

### **It's Coming....Septic Inspection**

If you didn't read the article "Idea Supported—Water Panel Supports Septic Inspections" by Michael Hoskins in the 2-20-02 Spinal Column, then you probably aren't aware that a septic inspection is in our future.

What: Drain Commissioner John P. McCulloch's plan to proactively inspect the county's 80,000 septic systems has been approved by Oakland County Advisory Committee on Water Quality

When: Fall of 2002, based on the proposal going to the county's Board of Commissioners on March 14 and asking for a public meeting to be scheduled. (Public meetings have to be held on ordinance proposals). Then on April 18 commissioners will be able to vote on the plan and, if passed, it would take affect 50 days after being passed (early June). Then McCulloch would meet with local officials to establish inspection starting points in hopes to start the inspections by fall.

Cost: \$250 to \$300 inspection cost would flow down to the homeowner. The ordinance would mandate septic inspections every five years, as well as when homes are sold.

McCulloch estimates that nearly 20-40% of the 80,000 septic systems leak and the Oakland County Health Division released their study as showing that number as high as 52%.

## **Typical Procedures for sewer hook-up**

Call township for informational material package. 960-7040.

Pre-pay \$450 to twp for GWE engineers to do a site plan and estimated cost. GWE will meet with homeowner to confirm estimates before sending it to back to twp.

To proceed, homeowner pays all fees that cannot be special assessed which is the already paid \$450 & a \$650 fee for septic tank abandonment

Contractor installs control panel. Homeowner then arranges for a licensed electrician to connect the power supply. The twp won't supply you a list of acceptable electricians so you may have to ask a neighbor who has already gone through this process for a contact.

The contractor then installs the pump, test it, and goes over system & alarms with owner. Then a landscaper comes out to backfill the hole and grass seed the work area. Plan on some update work on the surrounding area after the fill dirt settles a few weeks.

The cost may be spread across a ten year period. Usually the 1st payment is in Jan. and if you have hook-up before that date, you can select assessment fee, pay the balance when the 1st payment is due and incur no interest fee. A \$70 flat fee is sent quarterly for sewer service.

Be sure to move any landscaping in a 20' area of the pump site. The hole they dig may only be 6' across, but don't forget they have to get a 20' backhoe in the area as well as a place to put the fill dirt....if you get too frustrated, call a really good friend to unload on!

Estimated cost is approximately \$13,000. But that includes the \$2500 already paid on the lateral sewer (the main line in the street). However it does not include the electrical supply which is approximately \$450 + permit.

## **Boating Safety Corner: Tony Salciccioli, Chairman**

### **CPR CLASS OFFERED!**

Well it's almost that time again to bring those watercraft toys back out from storage and start another safe boating season. I will not be conducting the Boating Safety Course this season, however I have set-up in conjunction with Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, a CPR class. This one night class, "CPR for Family and Friends" (includes choking) will be conducted at Oak Valley Middle School on March 19, 2002 from 6:30PM – 10:30PM. The cost is \$25.00/person \$20/person class over 20). Pre-registration is required due to the class size limitation (25 people max):

#### **Class location and information:**

**What: CPR for Family and Friends.**

**When: March 19, 2002 (Tuesday).**

**Time: 6:30 pm-10:30 pm (6:15PM registration time)**

**Where: Oak Valley Middle School (Instructional Room).**

**Class Restrictions: 16 years and older.**

**Pre-Registration Required: This can be done by calling 248-684-1150 (leave your name and number of people attending). [PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY March 14, 2002].**

**Cost: \$25.00/person (\$20/person if over 20 people), payable to "Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital". You are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to class (6:15PM) so monies can be collected at the door.**

Contact myself (248-684-1150) or Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (248-937-3314) with any questions you may have concerning this class.

## Extra Marine Patrol

Lake Sherwood is now placed on the list with 6 other lakes in Oakland County that will have weekday patrolling. This could include up to 3 weekdays (weekends already patrolled). The sheriffs will be on duty until at least 10-11:00 pm on the days they work. There is no LSA cost associated with this extra patrolling.

## Lakes Committee—A View from the Boat Ramp Harry Tucker, Chairman

### News Flash:

## LSA Boat Launch Opens April 1<sup>st</sup>

Date Line Lake Sherwood Commerce Twp:

**Yep it's that time of year again. Within the next couple of weeks the Lake Sherwood boat launch will open for business. This year there is worthwhile effort to reduce cost while maintaining the services and integrity of the association. I was able to reduce the boat launch hours by about 5%. The reduction was accomplished by simply changing the opening time on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM (sorry to the early risers). I hope this will not affect any residents too adversely, but I believe it is to our advantage to control our costs and expenditures with good planning and accountability.**

This year the dues can still be paid at the boat launch as well as through the mail. In either case the payment should be made in the form of a check including your lot number and home address on the lake. Aarrowledger continues as the Security Company that will be posted at our launch. By the way, the launch on Surfwood is the only launch for Lake Sherwood.

As a last comment, I am sure many of you will be seeing new boats around the lake this summer. Some of us will be new boaters as well as being new to Lake Sherwood, so if you see someone going the wrong way around the lake (counter clock wise is the correct way), or going too fast in no wake areas, let them know in a friendly manor. Beyond that, if you see boaters continuously acting in a reckless or dangerous manor, contact the Oakland County Sheriff. Included on our web site and in the newsletter is a form to help you get the correct information and the numbers to contact. The Sheriff's hours will be changing this summer and somewhat randomized to help keep our residents safe on our lake.

Jack Kline and I are available for off-hours access by appointment. If you need help, give us a call. Our numbers are on the boat launch schedule along with Carol Gosse our new treasurer. Have a perfect summer for whatever you are planning.

## Boat Ramp Schedule - [Click Here](#)

# Marine Safety & Sheriff Complaint Form - [Click Here](#)

## 2001 Fishing Contest Results and 2002 Update By Dan Devine

[Click here to see report and update](#)

[Click here to see Water Safety Map](#)

## Organic Method of Muck Remover

Homeowners in Shelby Township are using an organic method to clean up their Apollo Lake. They use the Alumin-Nu's Power Pond and Lake Restoration System in which bacteria breaks down the algae and forms carbon dioxide, nitrogen gas and water. In turn, that dissipates into the lake. They feel it is an all-natural method. Algae growth might still occur at the beginning of the process. The process will not harm fish or wildlife. Continuing to add the bacteria will maintain the clarity of the lake. And state approval is required, but no state fee is levied. The process involves mixing bacteria with water in large 55 gallon drums, heating it to 80 degrees for 72 hours to culture the bacteria, and then dispensing the mixture into the lake. Drawbacks are that it may take a couple of years to see any results, it emits a rotting smell as the bacteria eats through the layers of muck, and it will cost approximately \$7000 or more depending on the size of the area needing treatment. (Detroit News, 1-18-02, Pg 5-D)

### Do Your Part:

Our best option is for riparians to frequently rake their lake bottom and remove accumulating debris. And never rake grass clippings or leaves into the lake. If anyone sees someone doing this, please call your area rep or any board member to report this so that we can send out a notice to them.

## DEQ Permits

### Weed Control, Larry Peterson

**Linda Tucker** reporting for **Larry** who is out of town: Most of my career at Ford was spent in the engine prototype shops, but the last 10 years was overseeing that fuel economy and emission testing was done. What does this have to do with LSA DEQ permits? I know first hand that whenever you deal with any branch of the federal government, it is your responsibility to know what the requirements are. Just because you aren't informed of the rules, doesn't mean that you are exempt from the rules. That's why we must take a pro-active position in obtaining DEQ permits. This year Larry informed me that we needed signed permission slips for the 11 lake lots which LSA does not own the bottomland. Thanks to **Lisa Tamm**, Area 6 Rep, going home to home, we have these signed slips. And we also thank all the homeowners that signed these

permission slips. We understand the various concerns over what chemical treatment is being put into our lake to control the aquatic growth. We all wonder what effect each treatment has. However we know from experience that if some kind of treatment isn't done, our lake would soon have plant growth to the water's surface, thus rendering our lake a completely non-sport lake.

The Lake Committees will continue to question each season's treatment and never be complacent on this issue. Each year we discuss optional methods, such as weed harvesting or introducing the milfoil beetle. We are not experts, only concerned residents such as yourself. And we will continue to ask questions and research options in the future.

## Lake Safe Fertilizer Companies

This spring look for fertilizer companies which provide lake safe programs. Of course, those that water the lawn with nutrient lake water should not have to fertilize. But for those that do fertilize, please request only organically safe treatment.

Please submit your lake safe fertilizer company to Jim Boggs (685-8463) for our lake safe list of approved companies.

Water Quality Chairman **Jim Boggs** had an article in the LSA Dec. 2001 Newsbrief , Pg. 20, which covered fertilizers and their nutrients. Main point to remember is "A product displaying 20-5-10 indicates the product is 20% nitrogen, 5% phosphorus, and 10% Potassium". When asking for lake safe fertilizers, ask for low or no phosphorus mix.

## Looking for News Worthy Lake Articles

Thanks to LSA residents for sending in various lake related news articles. If anyone sees an article of lake interest, please send them to Linda Tucker so it can be include in a future newsletter.

## Mute Swans Now Federally Protected

Dec. 28, 2001, a court case in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reinstated federal protection for the mute swan. There are only four bird species (mute swan, pigeon, starling & English sparrow) of 240 that nest in Michigan that were not protected by either federal or state law.

Mute swans are large birds (20-25 lbs), and have an orange bill with a black knob at the base. (Trumpeter & Tundra swans have black bills) This new regulations means that local lake associations or councils cannot take it upon themselves to do something about the swans without the proper permits (Oakland Press, 1-23-02, Pg. A-3)

## Area Representative Map - [Click Here](#)

## Water Safety Map - [Click Here](#)

We would like give a big

# thank you

to our past officers for their contribution to the Lake Sherwood Association.

## Donna Ribick

Donna has been Vice President for the Association. Donna was the most level headed and was great with research. She would look up the statistics and give us facts for the Board meetings. She also worked on the by law committee and had very valuable input into revising the by laws. Donna was a great asset to the Board.

## Kathy Janssen

Kathy has been Treasurer for the Lake Sherwood Association for about 10 years. A big job that Kathy handled competently. She also held down many other volunteer positions for other organizations. Kathy is also part owner of JH Advertising Specialties. We deeply appreciate all the volunteer years Kathy has given to the Association.

## Jackie Craig

Jackie was actually elected last year to be Area 11 Representative but we had a volunteer for that are and no Recording Secretary so we talked Jackie into taking over the Recording job. Jackie was a great and did switch jobs.

Before moving to Germany with her family, she was Corresponding Secretary for a number of years and made a great deal of improvements in the Newsletter. Thanks Jackie!

## Joyce Wilkerson

Joyce was Area 2 Representative for 4 years and has lived in Lake Sherwood for 14 years. She also chaired the Maintenance and Grounds & Improvements Committees. She has served on the Beautification Committee for 2 years. Joyce could often be seen cleaning up the Driftwood entrance and Driftwood A-lots. Joyce believes in helping out whenever you can. We are glad that Joyce will continue to serve on the Grounds and Improvements Committee.

## Jim Moore

Jim has been Area 6 Representative and an exceptional asset at the Board meetings. He always said hi to everyone with the warmest smile. He bought up great questions and had good answers for agenda items. His positive influence will be missed. Jim and his wife Joyce are building a new home on Hidden Lake in Brighton.

## Ed Huber

Ed has been Area 7 Representative for a long time. More importantly he has been chairing the Architectural Control Committee "forever" and he will continue to do so. Ed stepped down so that he could have more time with his 9 grandkids

(see community news for latest—twins!)

## Bob Tavernier

Bob has been Area 8 Representative for almost 2 decades! He has been very valuable to the Board as he knew the “history” and stop us from making the same “mistakes” made before. He could give us the reasons why this would not work as it was tried before. Thanks Bob for your valuable contribution to the Association.

## Island Use Permits

Forms are available to print from the LSA web page: [www.mslwa.org/lake-sherwood-611](http://www.mslwa.org/lake-sherwood-611) or contact: **Gloria Hughes** 685 0631 or **Jay Server** 684 2576S

## Island Use Permit Form- [Click Here](#)

## Recycling:

For those of you who are recycling – thanks for caring for the environment. Please note that the recycling program is every week. If you are not recycling and wish to do so, call Great Lakes at 1 800 858 0089 to arrange for the service. They will provide you with a blue bin for recycled items The cost of this service is only \$3.60 per month.

## Lake Sherwood Blood Donors Needed:

Thank-you for your past donations at Country Oaks Elementary. It will soon be time to roll up your sleeves again! Please make note on your calendars the following information regarding the next drive, and call for an appointment to donate.

Date: Monday April 22, 2002

Place: Country Oaks Elementary, Multi-purpose room

Time: 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Contact person: Debra Bouwens 684-8793

## Natural Trash Pick up in Lake Sherwood begins Thursday, April 18th

Don't forget your LSA Dues!

Due April 30<sup>th</sup>

\$285. 00/ year

Mail to: PO Box 63

Milford, MI 48381

or

You can pay the guard at boat launch

If you choose to mail your dues, remember to allow 1 week for checks to be processed and the guard to have been notified that you have paid.

Lake Sherwood  
Annual **Garage Sale**  
will be  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
**May 30, 31 and June 1st**  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Randy RanWilcox**  
Sponsoring this year's

***Easter Egg Hunt***

***Sunday, March 24th***

***2-4 pm***

***Kendall Park***

***Call Traci Eisenberg 684-4076 to help on this event.***

***Fun for the whole family***

Age groups: 2-4, 5-8, 9 & up!

Meet the Easter Bunny  
Hunt Eggs filled with toys & candy  
Special prize for each age group (find blue chip in special egg)  
Guess number of jellybeans in jar  
Piñatas (3 age groups)  
Mom's Easter Bonnet contest  
Refreshments  
Egg Toss

Third Annual Lake Sherwood

# Perennial & Herb Exchange

Sunday, May 19

2 o'clock to 4 p.m.

(dig 'em up at noon and we'll see you at 2:00)

**Kendall Park**

(located on Ledgewood Drive, across from Stumpwood)

Remember... Your unwanted perennials and herbs are probably another's most sought treasure! It's easy. Just load up your divided plants in either a cardboard box, bucket, paper or plastic bag, or even a discarded coffee can and bring them labeled (if you know what they are) to Kendall Park. There you can swap for another plant or just come to unload your plant and save it from the refuse compost!

We need neighbors who are beginner gardeners as well as master gardeners. This event will take place whether conditions are rain or shine (except a thunderstorm). Here's a secret...this is actually a mingle-with- the- neighbor activity, so attend without plants to meet more friendly faces!!

Lake Sherwood resident and realtor Susan McFarland (Century 21-Today) will provide Croissants, muffins and drink.

There will also be a drawing for a lovely potted flower arrangement, compliments of Bogie Lake Greenhouse (across from Lakeland High School).

Take note! Don't pitch your overgrown hostas, "snow on the mountain", lavender, mint, etc. because it could be very welcomed in a neighbor's yard.

# Cookies in the Park

**Children and their parents are invited to meet in Kendall Park from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Sunday, June 2nd for "Cookies In The Park". Parents are asked to bring 1/2 dozen cookies and Kool Aid will be provided. This brief get-together in an attempt to discover new friendships among little ones and new families. With a large number of school age and preschool children residing in the subdivision, this is an opportunity for children to mingle with friends or discover new playmates. An observation of young students at the local elementary school prompted this activity. Primarily due to the lack of sidewalks and accessibility to visit playmates, youngsters aren't able to introduce their schoolmates to their parents. Now here is the opportunity!. Please register your child by calling 685-0631. Should this activity be rescheduled, we will be able to contact you.**

Gloria Hughes

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