



# CEDAR LOG

## AUGUST 2011

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### The Board of Directors

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Jack Willis has requested anyone sending donations please send to the Cancer Research Association in memory of Beverly Willis.

Cards may be sent to  
Jack Willis  
219 Cadgewith E.  
Lansing, MI 48906

### Labor Day Weekend – Halloween Theme

Saturday, September 3, 2011

10:00 a.m. Annual Board meeting

2:00 p.m. Halloween Parade

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Trick or Treat

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Hayride

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Karaoke bring your singing voice, snack and drink. Come early to make sure you get your turn to sing!

Sunday, September 4, 2011

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour & Raffle & Chinese Auction

Keith Yaks the 911 coordinator and Jerry Becker Clare County Emergency Systems will begin speaking at 10:00 a.m. about the emergency systems they have in place.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00p.m. Poker Run \$10.00 per golf cart

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bingo



Beverly Willis passed away Sunday Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. She was the wife of Jack Willis both former owners of Lots 362 and 350.

Les Bott passed away July 1st. He was the partner of Gwen Lott owner of Lot 59.

Jim Wiederman passed away June. He was the husband of Nancy Wiederman owners of Lot 229.

## CEDAR SHORES POKER RUN 2011

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Meet in front of the recreation hall around 12:45 p.m.  
Winners to be announced in pavilion at 6:45p.m.

\$10.00 per golf cart – collected at start

- Prizes for the best hand & more
- Sign up to do the run or host a card stop
- Sign up at coffee hour,
- Lot 240 John Green

Lot 117/118 Wayne & Joyce Keller or

Lot 243 Al & Julie Foote

### New Owners

Rane and Janie Metiva - new owners of 323.

Brad and Andrea Armstrong - new owners lot 258.

Jim and Sherry Burke - new owners lot 340.

### 2011 Winterizing Update

Wally and Cindy Warner have taken over the winterizing of units as of this year. Ralph and Shirley Schaub have turned keys over to us after their retirement of the job. Do to the limited amount of time, we are only taking the first "100 prepaid" request. If you plan on having us winterize your unit, please call Cindy's cell for availability. Your name will be place on the list **AFTER** a payment of \$60.00 is received. Please note-- we are unable to do any units that have icemakers. Thank You

Checks can be made out to

Cindy Warner  
5916 Cedar Shores Dr.  
Harrison, MI 48625.  
(989-907-9208 - leave message if no  
answer on Cindy's cell)

## FROM THE DESK OF PARK MANAGER

WINTER CLOSING SCHEDULE:

MON OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> - LAST DAY FOR FLUSH OUTS AND PUMPOUTS.

TUES OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>-WATER IS TURNED OFF TO THE PARK AT 8:30 AM

WED OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>- LAST DAY OF ALL SERVICES TRASH PICKUP, LEAVES.

IF ANY LOT OWNERS WISH TO HAVE THEIR PARKING AREA SNOW PLOWED THIS WINTER, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST. FEES ARE 30.00 FOR THE SEASON OR 20.00 PER CALL IN.

AFTER WATER IS TURNED OFF TO THE PARK THE GREY BATHHOUSE IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR WATER, SHOWERS AND USE OF THE RESTROOMS.

DUMPSTERS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE POLE BARN AFTER OCT 19TH. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO BRING UP YOUR TRASH.

IN CASE OF SEVERE STORMS OR HEAVY SNOW ACCUMULATION... WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO NOTIFY LOT OWNERS. WE NOTIFY SUCH OCCURANCE VIA EMAIL. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE OFFICE COMPUTER, YOU SHOULD TRY TO HAVE SOMEONE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES FOR YOU. [WWW.CEDARSHORES.ORG](http://WWW.CEDARSHORES.ORG) . IT WILL BE UNDER NOTICES.

### REMINDERS

WHEN RAKING LEAVES DO NOT RAKE THEM INTO THE ROAD. MAKE A PILE BY THE ROAD AND WE WILL PICK IT UP. ALSO SEPARATE ANY STICKS AND ROCKS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE LEAF VACCUM.

Loons Nest Putt Putt Grand Opening was held on July 23, 2011

It was a very hot day and the ice cream cones were awesome. The ice cream melted quickly but was enjoyed by the 60 plus members who came. Children cut the ribbon for the grand opening.

We would like to thank everyone who helped/donated to this project - It looks great! Thanks to the Timmons for donating the ice cream and cones.

On a sad note...the golf balls the recreation committee left on the course for people to use were being shot all over the campground. Because the balls landing all over the campground is safety hazard with lawnmowers the balls and clubs had to be removed. Owners will have to supply their own equipment.

Please explain to children not to hit (drive) the balls onto the field as this creates a safety hazard with the lawn mowers.

Joyce

Christmas in July was held on Saturday, July 23, 2011

It was a very hot July day - The Santa parade went through the park at around 8:00 p.m. Santa stopped on route to play volleyball. The parade was followed by a visit with Santa for the children.

Winners of the best dressed lot were....

1st Place Lot 285/286 Belanger with lots of white lights and music.

2nd Place Lot 117/118 Kellar with lots of bows, lights and dancing snowmen.

Winners of the best dressed golf cart were...

1st place Lot 34 Cathy Timmons & Sammi Allen(the hula girl) These gals had the golf cart all decked out for a Hawaiian Christmas complete with music! Cathy stopped occasionally and Sammi entertained people by dancing the hula -

2nd place Lot 243 - Foote/Malinowski kids for the Santa Sleigh

Joyce

Notes from Eleanor Finn

Please take note of all the hard work your fellow members have done... Thank you to

Wally Warner – Power washed all the wood structures & stained the large steps

Jim Pancoast #312 stained the bridge at the pond.

Julie Malley #173 stained bench by bridge.

Jim Glinka # 358, Dick Tolles # 168, Wally & Ray Warner, replaced rails at the large beach.

Valerie Glinka # 358, Carol Trupiano #359 & Barb Tolles # 168 stained shelters at large beach.

Pam Gray #338 trimmed large bushes by main welcome bed.

Dave Flora # 45 for his advice on items.

If we missed any helpers we want to say THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES!

***COLA News and Updates from Jerry and Cathy Timmons, Lot 34 August 2011***

**IMPORTANT NOTICE SAND LAKE BEACH CLOSING TO PUBLIC**

The property owners of Sand Lake Beach Dodge City Subdivision #6 has closed Sand Lake Beach. This was done by showing ownership on the Subdivision Map for Dodge City Subdivision #6. They then contacted the Sheriff's Department, which said they would enforce the ownership of the park if they got legal paperwork.

They contacted attorney David Dreyer who said it was legal they owned the beach. The legal letter was then presented to the Sheriff's Department for their approval. The Sheriff's department then contacted our County Prosecuting attorney. The Prosecuting Attorney then gave permission to the Sheriff's Department to ticket anyone in violation of being on the beach that did not live in D.C. Sub #6 or D.C. Sub #7.

## **Welcome to our Chain of Lakes Association**

The budget for the proposed Dodge Lakes aquatic plant control project is shown below. Approved 08/14/2011

### **DODGE LAKES PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2011 THROUGH 2015**

#### **Improvement Cost**

Aquatic Plant Control \$30,000 per year  
(spraying of the weeds and getting rid of undesirable plant life)

Restocking Fish \$4,000 per year  
(restocking of fish in our lakes per DNRE suggestions and approval)

Permit Fee \$1,000 per year  
(State of Michigan permit fee to spray)

Drain Office Fee \$200 per year  
(mailings – meetings with the Dodge Lake Improvement board)

Contingency \$3,520 per year  
(mailings to residents – newspaper ads - weed spraying needed or other emergencies)

Total Annual Cost \$38,720 per year

It is proposed that the \$38,720 annual cost of the project be assessed for a five-year period (2011 through 2015). A breakdown of approximate costs based on this approach is presented below:

#### **DODGE LAKES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ASSESSMENTS**

(assessments have been on your winter tax bills since these subdivisions were formed)

Waterfront assessment \$46.00 per lot  
(any lot or lots that is connected to a lake or channel in Section 19)

Back lot assessment \$20.00 per lot  
(any lot or lots that is not connected to a lake or channel in Section 19)

An assessment is on a per lot basis.

There is also a half lot assessment. Example: If there are two neighbors, which have a lot between them and they both, agree to buy half the lot. One-half to one neighbor and the other half goes to the remaining neighbor. They then would pay the pay the assessment for their lot plus half the assessment for the half lot.

In updating the tax rolls for Hamilton Township it was found that, some people were on waterfront properties and being charged back lot assessments. Some people were not paying anything at all. When we updated the tax rolls for

Hamilton Township, through Equalization and the Drain Commissioner office. We found that there was 67 discrepancies in the Hamilton Tax roll assessments. These were all corrected.

Contrary to everyone's belief, your taxes are not going up.

If you were one of the individuals, who was paying back lot assessments and were on one of the lakes, yes you will be assessed the same as the other lake front property owners.

In making these changes, we found that half of Townline Lake is in Hamilton Township and half are in Hayes Township. In looking farther into the division, we found that some waterfront lot owners in Cedar Shores on the Hamilton Township side were paying waterfront assessments and some were paying back lot.

We met with the Supervisor of Hayes Township and presented the problem. In looking farther into the problem, we found that property owners in the Townline Wilds subdivision also were waterfront property owners and back lot owners. They also were not paying assessments.

When we spray the lakes we were doing all of Townline Lake. The Supervisor of Hayes Township presented this to the Hayes Township board. They agreed that they would collect the assessments and give the monies to the Hamilton Township Treasurer.

In all, this is what we have done. We have updated 67 Hamilton Township property owners to pay the correct amount of assessments.

We have added 182 Hayes Township property assessments for Cedar Shores and Townline Wilds Subdivision. Of which 24 were waterfront and 167 back lot owners. From Hayes Township assessments, we have added \$4,446.00. Our prior tax total collected was \$35,553.00 it will now be \$41,818.00. All without raising your taxes.

### **Broadband Tower**

Also check out our new broadband tower behind our new center at the NE corner of Townline Lake Rd and Dodge Lake Road. Should be up next week and transmitting by the end of the month.

### **Lake/Aquatic Management**

We have added BreAnne Grabill, Environmental Scientist, Northern Lakes Manager, PLM Lake & Land Management Corp., 800-382-4434 ext. 2003 as our new aquatic Plant control person

We will be restocking our lakes with:  
\$3,500 this year 2011  
\$4,000 next year 2012  
\$4,500 the following year 2013  
\$5,000 the next year 2014

### **Slow/No Wake Hours on Our Chain of Lakes**

Please remember the boating/no wake times for our chain of lakes. These hours are the State law:  
**7:30PM - 11:00AM**

Let us be courteous to those who like to canoe, kayak, paddleboat, sail and/or fish, and observe the no wake law between the hours of 7:30 P.M. 11:00 A.M. In addition, be sure to tell any guests using boats about the State Law on 'No/Low Wake' boating hours, and to respect the times.

A reminder for all boaters: please remember to navigate the lakes in a counter clockwise fashion. Stay to the right when traveling our lakes and channels.

In addition, we need everyone to remember to slow down in all of the channels connecting our chain of lakes. They are all Slow/No wake zones. Thank you!

### **Lake Levels for our Chain of Lakes**

The Clare County Drain Commissioner says that the legal water levels for our lakes are as follows:

Sand lake 1016.7  
Townline 1016.7  
Boathouse 1016.7  
Haven 1016.7  
Lost Lake 1016.7  
Dodge Lake 1013.8  
Dodge Lake is actually 3' below the other lakes

Beside the spillway on Sand Lake is a gauge which tells the lake level. It is on a metal angle and pipe, which has a gauge on it.

Beside the culvert in Dodge Lake (and about 3' east of the culvert) is the gauge for Dodge Lake.

Lake surface area's More/Less =m/l

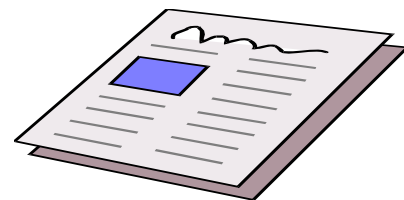
Lake #4 14.76 acres m/l  
Lost Lake 11.11 acres m/l  
Lake #5 8.21 acres m/l  
Boathouse Lake 17.64 acres m/l  
Sand Lake 23.82 acres m/l  
Canada Lake 3.54 acres m/l  
Townline Lake 28 acres m/l  
Dodge Lake 24 acres m/l

Al Loucks (President COLA) Chain of Lakes Association

**Chain of Lakes Association (COLA) P.O. Box  
245 Harrison, MI 48625-0245  
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***Townline Lake, Boathouse Lake, Lake #5,  
Icehouse Lake, Lake #4,  
Lost Lake, Canada Lake, Sand Lake, Haven  
Lake***

***In addition, their channels***



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