



THREE MILE LAKE news

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2008 – 2009 Board of Directors

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This publication is being sent to all residents that have riparian rights or interests in Three Mile Lake and Little Three Mile Lake.

High water brings special dangers to boaters...

Lake levels once again have risen. This cyclical event seems to always catch many of us by surprise. Anyone who is venturing out to do some early season boating should be very cautious, be on the look out for floating debris and dock posts that may be hidden below the water surface. Many items are resting in the water, some have already floated to another shore and others will be afloat soon with the next heavy wind and rain. We are lucky to live on a small body of water where our things can't float to far away. If you have something on your shore that does not belong to you, just ask around, you will find its rightful owner eventually and maybe meet a new friend.

Spring Membership Meeting, everyone is welcome...

The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2008 at the Paw Paw Township Hall, located at 114 N. Gremps Street. All residents that share an interest in the lake are welcome to attend this meeting. We wish to encourage non members to attend so that they can better understand the work that the association members do for the benefit of ALL the residents.

Ice Fishing...

Our lake was mentioned in the Harald Palladium Newspaper as having very good Crappie fishing this winter. No wonder we were host to so many ice fisherman this season.

Lake management...

Professional Lake Management will begin their third year of water testing and weed control. All required notification pertaining to chemical treatment will be supplied to the residents in compliance with DEQ regulations. Enclosed in this mailing is the 2009 treatment schedule.

Phosphorous in fertilizer...

"In an effort toward improving and maintaining the county's lake and stream water quality, Van Buren County Commissioners unanimously approved an ordinance banning the use of phosphorus lawn fertilizer in the county."

(Courier Leader, Jan. 16, 2009)

Fertilizer that does not contain phosphorous is readily available at local stores. Another source of unwanted phosphorous comes from ash that seeps into the lake from leaf burning areas and bon fire pits that are too near to the shoreline. They seep ash into the lake by way of rain run off. This problem can be lessened or eliminated by altering burning locations or removing the remaining ash from the area.

Phosphorous fertilizes the lake's weed population. Decreasing its entrance into the lake is the eco friendly way to control weed growth.

2008 Meeting
Schedule

Spring board
meeting held
1st Sat. of May
(May 2nd, 10:00
a.m. at Joyce
Beedie's house)

Spring
membership
meeting held
3rd Sat. of May
(May 16th, 10:00
a.m. at the Paw
Paw Township Hall,
114 N. Gremps St.)

Annual
membership
meeting held
last Sat. of June
(June 27th, time
and place to be
announced)

Fall board
meeting held
1st Sat. of Aug.
(Aug. 1st, 10:00
a.m., place to be
announced)

Fall membership
meeting held
Sat. of Labor Day
Weekend
(Sept. 5th, 10:00
a.m., place to be
announced)

Nominations will start for June elections...

The terms of office will expire this year for Shary Belfy, Charlie Bear and Sue Peterson. If anyone would like to be placed on the ballot or knows of someone that would be able to serve on the board please contact Shary Belfy.

Our association needs a diversified mix of ideas, personalities and abilities to create a culture that will keep the Three Mile Lake Cooperation active and beneficial to the lake and its residents. New association members and new board leadership is the way to keep us thriving. All the members bring their special talents to the organization and their service is greatly appreciated. Your directors do a great job and they hope that their leadership entices others to run for office.

Marine Control Report for 2008 season...

Last year the marine patrol spent 15 hours patrolling Three Mile Lake. This resulted in 23 stops made by patrol, eleven warnings were given and one ticket issued. There were no accidents reported. Few complaints were called in from residents and this was a decline from previous years. Over the last several years the complaints were numerous and that was causing a greater patrol presence on our lake.

Most of the warnings that were given out were for violation of the 100 foot rule.

Please be safe this year and review the Three Mile Lake boating and fishing rules.

Membership...

It is time to renew your membership, or join the Three Mile Lake Corporation for the first time. Attached is the membership form to fill out and return.

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2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Member Name(s): _____

Three Mile Lake address: _____ Paw Paw, MI 49079

Lake Home Phone Number: _____

Home (Mailing) Address(if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (optional): (____) _____

Email Address(optional): _____

Membership dues are \$20 per family
Make check or money order payable to: Three Mile Lake Corporation
Mail check to: Three Mile Lake Corporation
PO Box 482
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Please use the back of this form for comments about issues you would like the association to address, and if you have decided not to join the association, please let us know why.



