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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Lake Dwellers:

It seems that winter is finally winding down. The ice on the lake is gone, ice fishermen have packed up their gear, and soon we will be boating again.

From all indications, the lake level is rising a little from last year; hopefully, it will continue.

Just a reminder, make sure that if you are renting your house this season that you post lake rules in a visible place. Make sure that your tenants understand that they should stay on your property and not infringe on the neighbors' property without their permission.

Once again Professional Lake Management will be monitoring the quality of the lake. We expect it to be as positive as it was in 2012.

If there are any questions pertaining to the lake, please direct them to me or anyone on the board.

Looking forward to seeing you enjoying the lake this season.

Ron Cicchini

2013 LAKE ASSOCIATION PICNIC & ANNUAL MEETING MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 2013 Three Mile Lake Association picnic and Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 6th at 5:00 pm and is open to all Three Mile Lake owners and their families. We are trying a later time this year at the suggestion of some residents in the hope that more lake families can attend.

If anyone is interested in joining the picnic committee, or if you have suggestions to improve our annual get together of lake owners, contact Jim Chlada at 708-610-2065, Ron Cicchini at 269-657-5096 or Jill Harring at 269-657-3767.

**MICHIGAN'S FREE FISHING WEEKENDS:
AN ANNUAL TRADITION**

Two days twice a year, families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premiere outdoor activities, Michigan Fishing, for FREE!

The **2013 SUMMER FREE FISHING WEEKEND** is scheduled for: June 8 & 9.

So grab a pole and your family and friends, and let's go fishing!

(Reprinted from DNR Web Page)






WHO NEEDS TO TAKE A BOATER SAFETY COURSE?

Michigan conservation officers and Michigan county sheriffs encourage all persons operating boats in Michigan to enroll in a boating safety course.

Personal Watercraft

Those less than 14 years of age may not legally operate a PWC.

Those 14 and 15 years of age may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and:

-  He or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian or:
-  Persons born after December 31, 1978 shall not operate a personal watercraft unless they obtain a boating safety certificate.
-  He or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.

Those at least 16 years of age and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.

Those born on or before December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

<http://www.vanburencountysheriff.com/marine-patrol.htm#classes>

**2013 BOATERS SAFETY CLASSES
ALL Classes start at 8:00 a.m.**

May 18
Bangor Fire Department
417 W Arlington St

Bangor MI 49013
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

June 1
Lake Effect Powersports
67990 W. M-152
Benton Harbor MI
Must call 269-944-5577 to register for this class

June 22
VanDerZee Motorplex
1875 Phoenix Rd
South Haven MI 49090
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

June 29
Sponsored by
Gobles Fire Department
15919 32nd St
Gobles MI 49055
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

July 6
Lake Effect Powersports
67990 W. M-152
Benton Harbor MI
Must call 269-944-5577 to register for this class

July 13
Lawrence Fire Department
205 North Paw Paw Street
Lawrence, MI 49064
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

July 20
Decatur-Hamilton Fire Department
420 W. Delaware St
Decatur MI 49045
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

July 27
Lawton Fire Department
119 S. Main St
Lawton MI 49065
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

August 3
Lawrence Fire Department
205 North Paw Paw Street
Lawrence, MI 49064
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

August 12
Mattawan Fire Department
55697 N MAIN ST
Mattawan MI 49071
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

All students must pre-register for the classes.
Call 269-657-3101 or register on-line.
Register on-line only for classes or the proctored exam.
All students must bring a #2 pencil, something to drink, and a sack lunch.

DUPLICATE SAFETY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE REQUEST

If you have previously completed a Michigan Marine Safety Education Course, and your original certificate has been lost or misplaced, please fill out and submit the Duplicate Certificate Request form at

<https://secure1.state.mi.us/dupcertrequest>.

You may also apply for a duplicate certificate by mail or phone (517) 373-3292. There is no charge for this service.

SPECIAL LOCAL WATERCRAFT CONTROLS FOR VAN BUREN CO.

LITTLE THREE MILE LAKE AND PORTION OF THREE MILE LAKE – R281.780.2

HIGH-SPEED BOATING AND WATER SKIING PROHIBITED.

2. On the waters of Little Three Mile Lake and on that part of Three Mile Lake south of the south eighth line of section 21, T3S, R14W, Van Buren county, state of Michigan, no operator of any motorboat shall:

- (a) Operate such motorboat at high speed.
- (b) Have in tow, or shall otherwise assist in the propulsion of, a person on water skis, water sled, surfboard, or other similar contrivance.

RUSH LAKE AND THREE MILE LAKE – R281.780.1 – WATER SKIING HOURS.

1. On the waters of Rush Lake and Three Mile Lake, Van Buren County, state of Michigan, no operator of any motorboat shall have in tow, or shall otherwise assist in the propulsion of, a person on water skis, water sled, surfboard, or other similar contrivance during the period from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. of the following day.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL TO END “POP UP” PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR CLOSE RELATIVES

The following is reprinted from the Michigan Lake and Stream Association website at:

<http://www.mymlsa.org/governor-signs-bill-to-end-%e2%80%9cpop-up%e2%80%9d-property-tax-increase-for-close-relatives>

Good news coming out of Lansing for real estate owners wishing to transfer their home and/or real property to a spouse or child. On December 31, 2012,

Governor Rick Snyder signed enrolled House Bill No. 4753 which amends the General Property Tax Act of 1893 (Public Act 206), to allow property transferred to a person related by blood or affinity to the first degree to retain its current taxable value. The newly revised law will allow real estate property owners to avoid the property tax re-valuation, known as the “pop-up tax,” previously in effect when real property was transferred from one spouse to another or by a decedent to a surviving spouse. A first degree blood relation would include the spouse and children, and a first degree affinity would include stepchildren.

Under the old law, when a piece of real estate is transferred to a new owner (including family members), the taxable value generally “uncaps” to the true value of the property. Once you own a piece of real estate the taxable value cannot increase from one year to the next by more than 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, until that real estate is transferred to a new owner. The new law will make transferring a cottage or lakefront home, for example, more affordable for the close family recipients of the real property by maintaining property tax assessments at the lower levels “enjoyed” by the previous homeowner.

House Bill No. 4753 can be seen here:

<http://www.mymlsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/House-Bill-4753.pdf>

WEBSITE ADVERTISING

If you have goods or services for sale, or are selling or renting your home and want to advertise on the Three Mile Lake Association website, please contact Web Site Coordinator Joyce Beedie at 269-657-4409. Members Free, All others \$20.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIPS 13 THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste...and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom – and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forgot to lock your door – understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com/>)

8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again... if he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier that you think to lookup your address.

7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
8. If you won't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/and> Richard T Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.

NEW NEIGHBORS?

If you know of a new neighbor, please contact the Lake Association President, Ron Cicchini at 269-657-5096.






LAKE TREATMENT SCHEDULE

See attached schedule. During weeks when treatment is scheduled watch for signs that may be posted by the lake about possible restrictions for swimming or watering

The Board of Directors will be meeting May 18th. If anyone has any issues that need to be addressed, or want to participate on the nominating committee to nominate new directors, audit committee to review the financial records, or picnic committee to help organize the picnic, contact one of the board members or email us at threemilelakepawpaw@yahoo.com.

JULY ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING & PICNIC: July 6th, 2013

Items to be discussed:

-  Nominate & vote on Director positions expiring on July 6th
-  Review status of lake treatment
-  Discuss concerns of lake owners
-  Review & approve 2012 Financial Report
-  Meet new neighbors at the picnic

WARNING: There is a lot of debris floating in the lake from the winter – take caution if you go boating early in the spring.

Be sure to check out our website for events, minutes, lake reports, rules, etc at www.threemilelakepawpaw.org.

NOTICE 2013

PLM Lake and Land Management Corp
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 www.plmcorp.net



Three Mile Lake has been scheduled for the **week** of:

Week of Treatment	Type of Treatment	Week of Treatment	Type of Treatment
4/15/2013	Water Quality	7/15/2013	Weed & Algae Treatment & E.coli
5/6/2013	Survey	8/12/2013	Weed & Algae Treatment & Water Quality
5/20/2013	Weed & Algae Treatment	9/9/2013	AVAS Survey
6/17/2013	Weed & Algae Treatment		

DEQ permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the year season. PLM treats each lake according to a schedule or season plan, established with the cooperation of your lake association, lake board or residents on the lake. The treatment schedule is approximate. Please watch your shoreline for the posting of the 8.5x11 inch, yellow or green signs. The signs will indicate the date of the treatment, the products used, and any restrictions on the use of treated water for swimming, watering lawns, etc. The property owners in this area are planning to have the waters chemically treated to control lake weeds and/or algae. This notice is being circulated in accordance with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) procedures. Below is a list of herbicides that **may** be applied to the lake and the associated use restrictions. On the day of treatment, signs will be posted along the shoreline within 100 feet of treatment areas that indicate what products were used and specific water use restrictions that apply:

Check all that apply	Chemical product/active ingredient	Chemical trade name	Do Not Use this water for swimming or bathing until	Do Not Use this water for ornamentals or turf irrigation until	Do Not Use this water for domestic purposes or agriculture irrigation until	Do Not Use this water for livestock watering or similar purposes until	
x	Endothall	Aquathol K, Hydrothol 191	1 Day(s)	N/A	14 Day(s)	14 Day(s)	
x	Flumioxazin	Clipper	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	N/A	
x	Chelated Copper 1 Day	Komeen, Nautique, Komeen Crystal 20#	1 Day(s)	N/A	N/A	N/A	
x	2,4-D ester	Navigate 2,4-D	1 Day(s)	INDEF or until approved assay indicates a concentration of 100ppb or less for ornamentals; No restriction for established turf	INDEF or until approved assay indicates a concentration of 100ppb or less	INDEF or until approved assay indicates a concentration of 70ppb or less	
x	Triclopyr liquid	Renovate	1 Day(s)	120 Day(s) 120 days or until approved assay indicates 1ppb or less; No restriction for established turf/grasses	120 Day(s) N/A on domestic; 120 days or until assay indicates 1ppb or less	See product label	
x	Triclopyr/2,4-D amine	Renovate Max G	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	120 Day(s) N/A on domestic; 120 days or until assay indicates 1ppb or less triclopyr and 100 ppb or less 2,4-D	See product label	
x	Triclopyr granular	Renovate OTF, Renovate OTF LZR, Renovate OTF LZR Max	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	120 Day(s) N/A on domestic; 120 days or until assay indicates 1ppb or less	See product label	
x	2,4-D amine	Sculpin G	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	N/A on domestic; assay indicates levels under 100ppb at the water intake	See product label	
x	Diquat Dibromide	Tribune	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	1 Day(s)	
x	PLM Blue, Cygnet Select: water dye (tracer), Copper Sulfate Alongside: copper sulfate, Citrine Plus-Ultra, Captain-XTR, Algimycin, Earthtec, SeClear, Formula F-30, K-Tea: chelated copper, Cygnet Plus, PolyAn: Adjuvant, Pak 27, Green Clean L: oxidizer, AquaPrep: enzymes & non-ionic surfactants, Nutrisorb,, M.D. pellets: gram negative, naturally occurring bacteria. PLM Enzyme: enzymes, Phoslock: phosphorus locking technology.					No Restrictions on swimming, bathing, irrigation, domestic purposes or livestock watering.	

For a complete listing of all product labels, please see our website.

N/A= Not Applicable INDEF= Indefinite

*Site-Specific recommendations to limit ornamental irrigation with Renovate & Sculpin granular treated water will typically last 2-14 days. Contact PLM for further information.

The chemicals used for Aquatic Nuisance Control are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The potential for damage to fish and other non-target organisms is minimal provided that the product is used as directed on the product label and the permit. To minimize the possible effects on health and the environment, the treated water is restricted for the above purposes.

PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. Certified Applicators: Tyler Beatty, Tyler Bengry, Jason Broekstra, Michelle Butcher, Darren Chase, Dean Chase, Dennis Chase, Jaimee Conroy, Jeff Fischer, Zachary Gilna, Bre Grabill, Dusty Grabill, Steve Hanson, Mitch Hiler, Jake Hunt, Nate Karsten, Blake Mallory, James Scherer, Skyler Sipple, Lucas Slagel, Jordan Swift, Jeff Tolan, Andy Tomaszewski, Mike Tower, Austin Wells

This is Michigan Law!!!

Your association must forward this to all riparians! Tentative treatment dates and notice of products to be applied must be given to all riparians not more than 45 days before and at least seven days prior to the initial treatment.