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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Lake Dwellers,

Aren't we lucky to be able to enjoy the four seasons here in Michigan? Even though this past winter was cold, the snow was beautiful and clean. Fishermen were on the lake, snowmobiles cut across the fields and children were making snow angels and snowmen.

From all indications the lake is healthy, the water is clean, and we look forward to a great spring, summer and fall. We are at a point now where we are on cruise control.

More good news is that our association dues have not increased. We're still at \$20 per year per household. Your \$20 pays for postage, paper, PO Box, some picnic expenses, etc. Please fill out the application form in this newsletter and mail it today with your check for \$20.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments on how to make the lake association better, please call any of the Directors or Board Members. Our phone numbers are in this newsletter and on the website:
www.threemilelakepawpaw.org.

See you on the lake,

Ron Cicchini

Let's remember our "must dos" for the spring:

1. Watch out for floating or semi-submerged debris when you are boating.
2. If you fertilize your lawn, make sure you buy fertilizer without potash. DNR says that potash encourages weeds to grow in the lake. When fertilizing, avoid spreading it close to the lake where it might get washed into the lake from rain.
3. If you rent out your cottage or home this season, please make sure your tenants understand lake boating rules and make sure they respect your neighbor's property boundaries.

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 1st weekend was in February.

The **2015 SUMMER FREE FISHING WEEKEND** is scheduled for: June 13 & 14.

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:

 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>

2015 BOATERS SAFETY CLASSES

ALL Classes start at 8:00 a.m.

May 16

South Haven Area Emergency Services
90 Blue Star Highway
South Haven MI 49090
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

May 30

Columbia Township Hall
53053 CR 388
Grand Junction MI

June 20

Bangor Fire Department
417 W Arlington St
Bangor MI 49013
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

June 27

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

July 11

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

As of this Newsletter writing, the following locations were listed as TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Sister Lakes Fire Department
92282 County Road 690
Dowagiac MI 49047
Sign up ON LINE ONLY

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

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

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

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 THREE MILE LAKE BOATING RULES

The following boating rules were taken from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office website, www.vanburencountysheriff.com/marine-patrol.com.

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.

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.

NEW LAWS AFFECTING USERS OF MICHIGAN LAKES THIS YEAR

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Department has notified us of some law changes that will impact boaters this year. The most important one is that they lowered the blood alcohol level in which a person can operate at. It used to be .10% but it is now .08%.

We received the following correspondence from the Southern Lakes Manager of PLM Lake & Land Management Corp., who manages and treats Three Mile Lake:

"I had someone in the area grabbing water quality samples and had him hit up your lake. He observed a pile of blue aquarium gravel on the launch ramp. I don't know for sure if someone dumped an aquarium into the lake but it looks like a strong possibility. It could have been someone's pet bluegill or some tropical fish that would have died quickly. Most likely it will not cause any issues but I just wanted to make you guys aware of it in case something new pops up down the road. We will keep our eyes out when we are out there. I also let the DEQ know so that there is a record of it but I doubt they will look into it at all."

Three Mile Lake has always been known as one of the cleanest waters in this part of the state. Please help us maintain that reputation by refraining from dumping things into the water that are harmful to its ecosystem. Aquarium plants, ash from fire pits, sewage, herbicides, animal waste, household garbage and lawn fertilizers are just a few of the many things that can quickly and easily tip the natural balance of our lake that has been keeping it clean for so many years.

Last year's lake study can be viewed on our website at: www.threemilelakepawpaw.org.

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.

If you haven't been receiving emails from the association and want to be added to our list, send an email with your address to jimchlada@comcast.net

NEW NEIGHBORS?

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

Also please let them know about the Lake Association.

LAKE TREATMENT SCHEDULE






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

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The Board of Directors will be meeting in May (date to be determined). If anyone has any issues that need to be addressed, or wishes 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 MEMBER MEETING & PICNIC: Date Pending
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HOST THE PICNIC THIS YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE DIRECTORS.

Items to be discussed:

-  Nominate & vote on Director positions expiring in July 2015.
-  Review status of lake treatment
-  Discuss concerns of lake owners
-  Review and approve 2014 Financial Report
-  Meet new neighbors at the picnic

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

**THANK YOU to these member families
 for their financial support of OUR lake
 association in 2014.**

Sheri & Charlie Bear
 Joyce & Mark Beedie
 Shary & Ed Belfy
 Cindy & Tom Birkhold
 Mary & Neil Boff
 Pam Bower
 Jack Burbridge
 Diane & Jim Chlada
 Sue & Ron Cicchini
 Renea & David Cotnoir
 Cheryl DeHaan
 Victoria & James DeYoung
 Robert & Paula Fisher
 Gerald Fitzgerald
 Geanie & Larry Franklin
 Laurie & Theodore French
 J. Craig Gies
 Heather Gordon
 Jill & Roland Harring
 Patsy & Keith Harring
 Diane & Earl Hocking
 Betsy & Charles Hill
 Deborah & Bruce Hill
 Jeanette & Kevin Kenny
 Sue & Paul Kolenko
 Judith Kolman
 Marilyn & Barry Kuchenreuther
 Mary Fran Kuestner
 Carolyn Linnert
 Kristen Mandigo
 Nancy & Rich Maxwell
 Dawn & Tim McFarland
 Joan & Roy Miller
 Lynn Meyers
 Patricia & Michael O'Brien
 Millie & Tom Pawlowski
 Jennifer & Robert Perkins
 Kristian & Tara Popp
 Carmon & Joe Posada
 Kerry & Jeff Preston
 Lori & Joe Priola
 Kay & Jerry Schultz
 Gay & Joe Silder
 Amy & Jeff Smith
 Doris & Bill Stambaugh
 Denise & Paul Struve
 Janice & Charles Studer
 Beth Wade
 Gwyn & Ron Weber
 William Woodman
 Theresa Zona

NOTICE 2015

PLM Lake and Land Management Corp
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www.plmcorp.net



Three Mile Lake has been scheduled for the week of:

Date	Description	Date	Description
4/20/2015	Water Quality	7/20/2015	Weed & Algae Treatment & E.coli
5/4/2015	Survey	8/17/2015	Weed & Algae Treatment & Water Quality
5/25/2015	Weed & Algae Treatment	9/7/2015	AVAS Survey & Phrag Optional
6/22/2015	Weed & Algae Treatment		

DEQ permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2015 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	Glyphosate	Aqua Pro	1 Day(s)	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	Imazapyr	Habitat	1 Day(s)	120 Day(s)	120 Day(s)	N/A
X	Chelated Copper Herbicide	Komeen, Komeen Crystal, Nautique	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 3	1 Day(s)	120 Day(s) or until approved assay indicates 1ppb or less; No restriction for established turf/grasses	120 Day(s) or until assay indicates 1ppb or less. N/A on domestic	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) or until assay indicates 1ppb or less triclopyr and 100 ppb or less 2,4-D. N/A on domestic	See product label
X	Triclopyr granular	Renovate OTF	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	120 Day(s) or until assay indicates 1ppb or less. N/A on domestic	See product label
X	2,4-D amine Sculpin	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	Carfentrazone-Ethyl	Sting Ray	1 Day(s)	14 Day(s)	14 Day(s)	1 Day(s)
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 Alonglife: copper sulfate, Citrine Plus-Ultra, Captain-XTR, Algimycin, Earthtec, SeClear and SeClear G, Formula F-30, K-Tea: chelated copper, Cygnet Plus, PolyAn: Adjuvant, Pak 27, AquaSticker, Green Clean L and Green Clean 5.0: 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: Salvatore Adams, Tyler Beatty, Jason Broekstra, David Comeau, Jaimee Conroy, Bill D'Amico, Jeff Fischer, BreAnne Grabill, Dustin Grabill, Steve Hanson, Mitch Hiler, Jake Hunt, Nate Karsten, Justin Krueger, Blake Mallory, Michael Pichla, Ernest Schenk, James Scherer, Ben Schermerhorn, Lucas Slagel, Jeff Tolan, Andy Tomaszewski, Mathew Wardell

This is Michigan Law!!!

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