



2017 A GREAT YEAR AT THREE MILE LAKE – PICTURE ABOVE A FAMILY OF SANDHILL CRANES

Three Mile Lake Association



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Higher than normal water levels, beautiful weather, and great fishing. Reflections on year one

by Chadwick Learned

My family and I moved in December 2016 – myself, my wife Amy and 2 boys Caleb(15) and Logan(13). We moved from Portage and settled on Three Mile Lake after looking at many lake property's. While most lakes we looked at were very crowded Three Mile just seemed like the right fit for us.

With the help of some great neighbors (Thanks Ron and Sue!) we got to know the lay of the lake pretty quick.

One fortunate thing was the high lake level. We had researched the depth of the lake before settling in but soon realized the lake was higher than average. After getting our first boat, we recorded a few different max depths this year. On the north end of the lake the depth finder got as deep as 42ft and on the south side 26ft. Funny as I sit writing this now basically 1 year later I think it is even higher yet with the recent heavy rains I think the lake is even higher than it was at the beginning of the year.

We've been very happy to settle in and meet many of our lake neighbors and hope to find many more of you next year as well.

My youngest son Logan took to fishing out here quite quickly and between the two of us

we caught every fish you see on the website (I redid the site for the association!) under fishing besides Pike. I don't think there's any... Logan also started a lawncare business he is calling Three Mile Yardworks.



Logan's Bass on his birthday!

Amy works down the road at Lakeview hospital and I work for Republic Services.

We enjoy biking around the lake, tubing, fishing, swimming and hanging out with friends new and old on the sandbar!

In addition to running the website I am honored to be your new secretary. Looking forward to a great 2018!

Year in Review from your new Secretary – Chad Learned



Membership Updates

Current Member listing! Benefits of membership. Our missions and the impacts on the lakes!



Meet your President

Quick Expose with our President Ron Cicchini and wife Sue.

good to know

Some quick hints and tips about lake living!

Membership Updates

On behalf of the Three Mile Lake Association board we would like to thank all of the members that newly joined or renewed their membership in 2017! Below is a partial listing of what your lake association does as well as some updates to the benefits of membership!

- Protect the quality of the lake by contracting for lake management services. This helps fulfill one of our core missions to protect lake property values
- Hold Annual meetings to discuss current lake happenings, concerns or initiatives.
- Keep up to date with the current Riparian property rights developments effecting in-land lakes in Michigan.
- Answer questions from in coming residents regarding the lake.
- Develop and Maintain our website at threemilelakepawpaw.org (thank you Chadwick Learned!)
- Coordinate with the DNR or DEQ on any concerns effecting the lakes.
- Long-term planning for the health of our lakes!
- Annual Lake Picnic!
- Email Updates for lake events, lost items found on the lakes etc etc...



FALL AT THREE MILE LAKE

The picture above was taken from my deck this fall. The colors on the lake and the trees were great this year and I was fortunate enough to be here to capture the above picture.

RON WEBER
Board Member – New Resident Greeter –
South Side of the Lake..

Updates and benefits for lake association members

Email Updates: We send email updates to all property owners we have email address's for so you know about upcoming lake treatments, lost rafts/boats, and other community happenings!

Meeting Participation: We invite all lake association members to come and participate in our annual meetings or contact any board member with concerns / suggestions!

Free Advertising: All lake association members receive FREE advertising on the lake association website!



YEP that's it! Joining the Three Mile Lake Association is only \$20 for 2018 – the best value membership you'll ever have!

Joining is EASY – fill out the form on the [WEBSITE](#) OR find a copy of the form included with this newsletter!

Current Lake President Ron Cicchini and wife Sue

Ron and Sue bought on Three Mile Lake in 1990 and we owe it all to the ice cream shop being CLOSED. Ron and Sue had stopped into town for some Ice Cream but the shop was closed. Already in the market for a Lake House they started walking around, wandered into a real estate office and asked if any lake houses were available. That's how they found their home on the south side of the lake! After Ron retired in 1992 from Allstate insurance they moved here full time.

Best memories from first time year on lake: The Cicchini's were from the east side of the state and were overwhelmed by the friendliness of their neighbors. Smiling people in town and just how pretty and clean the lake was.

Favorite Project / Pastimes: They quickly knew that sitting outside and getting bit by mosquitos wasn't for them and invested in building an attached screen porch. Watching children swimming and people go by in their boats is also one of Ron's favorite pastimes. At the beginning their grandkids were little and did lots of fishing and Ron/Sue gave many pontoon rides. Robert their grandson once swam the entire length of the lake!

Interesting Fact: 2017 was Ron and Sue's first year with no boat, Ron got a little tired of snapping in the cover!

Beginning of the Lake Association: Gail a previous longtime lake resident brought up the idea of forming the association and were instrumental in getting it done. Ron was chosen for 1/3 of the recruitment duties South side of the lake! Since the lake association is entirely voluntary it would never have been started without our community banding together to make it happen! Fellow board member Charlie (an attorney) donated his time and expertise to help with the legal paperwork and setup.

Early Challenges: MILFOIL, before the lake association got involved milfoil had begun to spread quite abundantly in the lake and was negatively affecting home values and enjoyment. It took a while but working with the township and a majority of riparian property owners we now have an ongoing highly effective lake treatment program benefiting all! There was also talk of installing a drain in the lake – the lake level naturally rises and falls (quite high

this year!) and at one point someone wanted to lower the level if you can believe it. Anyway, that eventually faded out.

Fun Happenings throughout the years: Many years ago someone used to land an airplane of Three Mile Lake semi-regularly. We've also seen an Iceboat with a sail in the winter. The yearly Boat Parade had gotten better and better and we just love seeing the community grow.

What would you say to someone considering joining Three Mile Lake Association? "It's a plus" says Ron! You'll get input and a vote towards many lake concerns and actions of the board. A

phenomenal bang for the buck at only \$20/yearly. You are also put on our email notification list for items such as lost and found boats. Alerts for nefarious activity and upcoming events! We'd love to have you.



Quick Tips About Lake Living

The change of seasons can sneak up on you. Plan your dock removal, boat preparation, and fall yard work early!

Careful with your leaves! Leaves and other organic material decomposition is what creates the MUCK in the bottom of the lake and eventually leads to unhealthy lake conditions. Anything you can do to eliminate excess organics is helpful.

Water movement is the key! Wondering why you have so many weed and your neighbors don't? Water movement – swim party's boat traffic anything to keep the water moving around your beach helps!

It's scientifically proven that being in and around water makes people happier!

Make friends with your neighbors! Great neighbors enhance the lake experience and keep everyone happy, if a disagreement does come up it's much easier to resolve if you have a good relationship ahead of time.

Watering your lawn? Use the water from the lake, it's more nutrient rich than your well water and mostly drains back into the lake anyway.

Safety: Nothing ruins your experience like a boating accident or lake related injury. Be extra aware of alcohol intake around water, minor children, and use appropriate life jackets. Remember you are responsible for guests on your property.

Pictures

A Call for pictures on Three Mile Lake, We want your pictures for the website. Send your best selected pictures to admin@threemilelakepawpaw.org

The top three entries' will be included in the rotating banner on the website AND receive a special prize at the annual lake picnic!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Three Mile Lake Corporation Membership Form

Membership Year

Member Name(s)

Last Name

Lake Address

Paw Paw, MI 49079

Lake Phone Number

E-mail

Home Mailing Address (If Different)

Home Phone

Cell Phone (Optional)

It is OK to use my Contact Information in the Lake Owner Directory?

YES

NO

*This directory is NOT
PUBLIC and only
shared with fellow
Lake Association
members*

Membership Dues are \$20 Per Family

Please make check or money order payable to:

Three Mile Lake Lake Corporation

Mail To: Three Mile Lake Corporation, PO BOX 482, Paw Paw, MI 49079

Comments or issues you'd like the board to know? Please write them in here.