

Membership Dues Update

After almost 20 years without raising the annual member dues we have an increase coming in 2020. Since the association was started in 2000 the dues have been \$20. Starting next year the dues will be \$30—still the lowest lake association dues in Southwest Michigan! Remember you can now pay ONLINE! threemilelakepawpaw.org The increased fee will cover our increased cost over the years (below)

- * Printing and mailing cost have continued to rise (stamps cost just .33c in 2000!)
- * Insurance Cost
- * Food, Prizes and miscellaneous picnic expenses
- * Marking Buoys
- * Website Domain Fee
- * Hawaiian Board Vacation (JUST KIDDING!) the board are all volunteers—we don't get paid anything at all or get any monetary benefits! Board members donate items/resources every

Special Thanks To All Our 2019 Members!

2020 Lake Picnic HOST SITE NEEDED

We are seeking a new host site for the 2020 lake association picnic. If you are interested in hosting please let us know ASAP. The association covers the cost of all food/drink. You'll also have plenty of help for setup/takedown and cleanup!

We are targeting the weekend of June 25th!

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CONGRATULATIONS
to our 2020 cornhole champions
Jill and Mike Ferris!



Winter 2019-2020

WATER STARTING TO RECEDE!

Finally! In August the water has started to recede a bit giving the residents on the peninsula and Parkwood Ct easier access to their homes again. It's also nice to see a bit of our beaches coming back—See inside for tips on reclaiming your shoreline. As well as regulations regarding seawalls and sand.



Personal Watercraft Regulations

The lake association was made aware of some recent infractions some of our residents have received due to not understanding some of the laws related to Personal Watercraft—JET SKIS!

We spell out the items to watch out for and make your guests aware of prior to letting them operate.

Three Mile Lake

BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER ABOUT HAPPENINGS ON THE LAKE!



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Drain Update

By President Chadwick Learned

Our wettest season in history is nearly at an end. The winter of 2018/2019 combined with the large rainfall we experienced this spring led to record high lake levels. In April 2019 a petition was started at a special board meeting to start the process of requesting a drain be installed (reopened) to alleviate the high water levels for the safety of our lake as well as protecting riparian property values.

****Board of Determination signed order of necessity for the petition to move forward, May 31, 2019 ****

We saw generally respectful boating behavior on the lake to help those effected. The township provided sand bags and sand to In order to help residents protect their homes.

The engineering survey and design is complete—the application to the state was officially submitted on August 2nd 2019. EGLE requested additional documentation and accepted the final application late November.

EGLE initiated a public comment period from Nov-25 through December 15th per state statute. After comments are in they have 60days to decide to accept permit application from Drain Commissioner or request changes etc etc. I've personally spoke to the representative from EGLE and our application is unique in that the extension existed at one point already and we hope this helps for a quicker approval. He did mention that they have to look at "upstream" impact ie; how our water may effect the environment on the river/lake we release too.

The Drain Commissioner's office was confident enough to solicit bids and schedule is...see page 3



PERSONAL
WATERCRAFT (PWC)
JETSKI REGULATIONS



CHECK HERE. PARK HERE.

Recreation Passport now required to access any state owned boat launch.

In 2019 you may have noticed the new sign requiring a recreation passport at the boat launch area. In speaking with the DNR on this 2019 is an education year but enforcement action will start next year 2020. Technically this means you cannot launch your boat without it or park onsite etc.

WHAT THE RECREATION PASSPORT IS

Michigan's Recreation Passport is your key to:

- Visiting more than 100 state parks and recreation areas.
- DNR boating access sites (or boat launches).
- Parking for rustic forest campgrounds and hundreds of miles of trails.
- Attending free family outdoor events and classes.

MICHIGAN RESIDENTS: You can get this with your license plate renewal. It shows on the sticker. It's \$11/year and then you get statewide access to any boat launch, state park etc. If you purchase NOT WITH YOUR ANNUAL RENEWAL its \$16 at a state park, office or online.

NON RESIDENTS: Annual non resident fee is \$33 the daily is \$9 You can purchase this online at Michigan.gov estore (search in google)

FULL INFO FROM DNR on <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/> scroll to bottom.

Drain Update Continued—Timelines Drain Commissioners Office

Bid Opening : December 27th
Date of Award/Review: January 23rd 2020
Build End of February –March 2020
Completion by April 24th

Public Notice Note: The information contained in the public notice is a FULL DISCLOSURE of all documents submitted, very technical. Here's the key points all the necessary easements are signed off—the location and routing of extension as well as total engineering are done. The contractor has been selected and awarded. Work is scheduled to start by end of February at the latest which is great because 2020 is looking to be a wet year as well.

A few residents have received citations lately for violations of statewide regulations regarding PWC operation. Here's some of the most common infractions

- **No one can operate a PWC AT ALL one hour BEFORE SUNSET—8am the next day.**

AGE RESTRICTIONS—

- **UNDER 14— Cannot operate at all.**
- **14 and 15—Can operate IF you have a boaters safety certificate on you. And accompanied by parent, guardian or 21 year old OR they are within 100ft of you while you are operating.**
- **16 Years+ - MUST HAVE BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE if born after 1978. INCLUDING ADULTS,**
- **Out of state residents are not exempt but can use another states equivalent for certificate**
- **Stay 150ft from other boats and 100ft from shoreline/ docks unless at no wake speed.**
- **Must wear a I, II, or III category life jacket.**
- **If towing the PWC must have 3 seats total so you can have a spotter.**

These are not Three Mile Lake specific rules. They are statewide rules on any lake.



Your Board and Officers

The fall meeting is the time when the board of directors nominates and elects officers for the association. We could use ONE MORE member if anyone is interested email admin@threemilelakepawpaw.org OR call Chadwick or Jim. Also need someone interested in being Secretary.

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RECLAIM YOUR SHORELINE!

Recovering from the high water may be a top priority for many residents. The unusually high lake levels have caused many resident yards to be destroyed. Early replanting is usually best as it helps prevent continued soil erosion into the lake. Also lost soil/plantings/grass have lowered your land and without some effort your property is that much more susceptible to problems in the future and continued wash out.

Most activity within 500 ft of the shoreline for planting etc requires a permit. Search EGLE shoreline permit.

Seawalls are generally not recommended. However landscaping PAST the high water mark is fine typically.

Disturbing the lake bottom (such as sanding) also generally requires a permit.

CHECK OUT THE NEW ONLINE STORE

By popular request we've opened an online store on our website for Three Mile Lake apparel and merchandise. **Shirt, Coffee Cups, Lake Bags, Pillows, Sweatshirts and more!** Everything is customizable and you can get many different brands styles etc. The prices go down significantly when you order in quantity and always check for a coupon.



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