

Spring 2021

Three Mile Lake

NEWSLETTER ABOUT HAPPENINGS ON THE LAKE!

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December 22nd 2020—Craig Warner

2020 A story for the grandchildren?

As I've spoken with many of our members from around the lake 2020 was a year to regroup as well as appreciate the beauty this community shares. No one predicted the troubles Covid would bring to the 2020 lake season—but the majority of our residents were able to find a welcome retreat in the resource we all share. The high water that had effected so many of us finally started to recede with the new drain becoming fully operational. We saw many lakeshore improvements, new beaches being formed—overgrown brush and trees removed and underwater docks brought back to life! Thank you to all our riparian owners contributing to the beautification of our lakeshore. Sadly we had to cancel the 2020 Lake Picnic due to restrictions with gatherings in place during the pandemic—don't worry we plan to make up for it this year as long as we can find a host site and it's safe to do so!

My family and I found the “restrictions” in place due to Covid a challenge while at the same time helping us realize how fortunate we were. Spending more time swimming, on the boat and enjoying nature in general than the years prior. We're looking forward to a great 2021 and hope to see some new faces as well as get reacquainted with some old friends.

We've had quite a few properties change owners this last year. **Welcome** to all our new riparian owners! Should you have any questions feel free to reach out to me or any member of the board.

-Chadwick Learned clearned@gmail.com 269-779-3636





Three Mile Lake Picnic

For many years the Three Mile Lake Association has hosted a picnic for all our residents (members or not all are welcome!)

The host site is rotating and we are seeking a volunteer to host the picnic this year. The board provides all the food, tables, chairs, prizes and port-o-jon . All we need is someone willing to have the community over for the annual meeting, picnic, fun and games!

If you have any interest at all in hosting please contact:
admin@threemilelakepawpaw.org or call
Chad—269-779-3636
Jim—708-610-2065

Date is subject to change but we are targeting Saturday July 10th

Docks—Common Questions, State and Local Regulations

Do I need a permit? - Generally NO, as long as your dock is for private NON commercial recreation use and does not unreasonably interfere with the use of the water by others.

Special Cases where you do need a permit: If your dock is going to be permanent; as in you are not going to remove it for the winter you would require a permit. Also if the dock is for operation of any sort of commercial enterprise. Same goes for swim rafts.

How long can my dock be? There is no set length in MI law on dock length but generally speaking getting to open water to adequately moor your boat(s) is acceptable. One key provision here is your dock cannot impede navigation and must be supported on your owned bottomlands.



[Paw Paw Township dock ordinance guidelines:](#)

Boathouse and dock regulations.

(1) Boathouses shall not be permitted to be placed over any waterway or within the minimum required front, side or rear yard area within any district.

(2) Docks, as defined in this chapter, are permitted on any lake or other waterway, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) No permanent dock shall hereafter be constructed or modified into a waterway until a zoning compliance permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator, certifying that the dock is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Said permanent dock must be in compliance with any state regulations or permitting.

(b) The length of any dock shall not be greater than the average length of the nearest docks on either side of the proposed dock.

(c) No dock shall extend from the shoreline of any waterway, other than a lake, to within 10 feet of the center of the waterway.

(d) No portion of any dock shall be located within the minimum side setback area Required for the zoning district in which the lot is situated, as measured from the boundaries of the lot as projected into the waterway.



Docks—Continued

How many “docks” can I have? Generally speaking you can have ONE dock per property. Commonly one dock can include a dock structure serving more than one boat—or two strips of dock that provide access to both sides of a boat etc. There are separate rules for waterfront requirements for commercial enterprises, multi family access as well requiring a set amount of shoreline extra plus specific buffer areas for any shared access. Consult the Paw Paw Township zoning ordinances for more details.

A reminder on Lake Traffic Guidelines In Michigan



Simply put boat traffic including jet skis must go COUNTER CLOCKWISE around the lake. It’s actually a Michigan law. The lake association was made aware of a citation last year for someone traveling back to their dock who was not abiding by the counter-clockwise travel rule when returning to dock their boat.

While the rule is somewhat subjectively enforced by the sheriffs office and DNR personnel it’s important to be aware of the impact not following the rule can have. Especially when interfering with boats that have riders under tow. While you may think you can quickly cut across before it becomes a problem, it is best to give boats at speed with riders a very wide berth. Our lake is narrow in certain areas which can lead to constricted water. Now that doesn’t mean you necessarily have to go ALL the way around the lake to get back home – just that you should be aware of your surroundings and if traveling any amount of distance it should be in a counter clockwise direction—simply sticking close to shore but going the wrong direction is where most violations occur.

This is especially important in the limited channel on the south side of the lake—there is only room for one boat oftentimes. As well as during busy times on the north side to ensure boats traveling at speed or towing do not have to slow due to a conflict of this regulation.

Let’s have a safe and fun boating season in 2021!

Board Members

Interest in joining? We’d love to have you! Email or call!

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>
President	Chadwick Learned	269-779-3636	clearned@gmail.com	2021
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Canadian Geese! - can we send them back to Canada?

Geese are deemed a nuisance because of their droppings, aggressive behavior, and noise. The most common complaint about geese is the accumulation of droppings and feathers. Each Canada goose can produce 1-2 pounds of droppings each day. With droppings come pollutants. These droppings can be a health risk and can carry Salmonella spp., E. coli, and Listeria spp. Heavy concentrations of goose droppings can also contain trogen which can pollute ponds and lakes, leading to excessive algae growth and reduced water quality.



Another main complaint about geese is their aggressive nature. Geese become very protective around their nests or goslings and may attack pets, children and adults.

It's that time again, spring brings open water. For some it also brings Geese! As you can see from the above it may be a good idea to dissuade geese from making your lawn a stop on their Three Mile Lake journey.

There are many effective deterrents to help control geese here's some of the best!

Decoys—Coyote, Dog



A cutout or replica of any of these animals has been shown effective. For best results move them around often!

Alligator, Swans



Extremely effective—a partial fence or even just a line or two placed at the waters edge to prevent geese from walking up on shore from the water. They'll swim down looking for an easier entry.

Noise and Movement Machines



This is Goose Cop product but any motion activated scarecrow or machine that creates random movement really annoys them!

Liquid Repellant



Invisible to humans but geese see differently than us. Makes grass look and taste unappealing. Very effective but requires retreatment depending on weather and use.

Automatic sprinkler—Motion Activated



These things really work—needs constant water supply—senses geese (or kids etc!) coming on shore and activates a rotating water spray scaring geese away!

Lights and Lasers



Got geese sleeping in your yard? A blinking light may keep them away. It prevents them from relaxing and they'll find a calmer place to spend the night. Also green lasers are effective at spooking and deterring Geese.

The retired neighbor?!



Have you seen this guy? He may be the most effective of all. Often seen in their bath robe running toward geese barking like a dog! Take care of these assets to the lake by offering them a cold beverage after the job is done!



Invasive Weeds Highlight: Purple Loosestrife

The Three Mile Lake Association manages our invasive weed control program in partnership with our vendor PLM. PLM treats the surface water of the lake to eliminate non native species of weeds growing in lake.



Last year we saw a reoccurrence of an invasive weed found at the water edge along the shoreline on private property not treated under our pervue. This weed is called Purple Loosestrife. It can quickly take over preventing positive native species from thriving.

Each plant can produce 2 MILLION SEEDS!

Identification:

- Perennial herb with a woody, square stem covered in downy hair
- Height varies from 4 to 10 feet
- Leaves are arranged in pairs or whorls magenta flower spikes with 5-7 petals per flower are present for most of the summer

If you see this on your property promptly remove them entirely if at all possible.

DIGGING & HAND PULLING

Pulling purple loosestrife by hand is easiest when plants are young (up to two years) or when in sand. Older plants have larger roots that can be eased out with a garden fork. Remove as much of the root system as possible, because broken roots may sprout new plants.

CUTTING

Removing flowering spikes will prevent this year's seeds from producing more plants in future years-- remember each mature plant can produce over 2 million seeds per year. At sites where plants have gone to seed, remove all of the flowering spikes first by bending them over a plastic bag and cutting them off into the bag. Finally, cut the stems at the ground to inhibit growth.

CHEMICAL CONTROL

If an infestation is in a dry, upland area, and on your own property, a licensed pesticide applicator can apply an approved herbicide to individual plants by selective hand spraying. Broadcast spraying is not recommended as it kills all broad-leaved plants, leaving the area open to further invasion from nearby sources of purple loosestrife. This also provides an opportunity for seeds present in the soil to sprout.



Wildlife and Wetlands

We are very fortunate that near half of the shoreline on Three Mile Lake is surrounded by protected wetlands. Wetlands are one of the most valuable natural resources we have in Michigan greatly contributing to the health and variety of wildlife we get to experience. They also contribute to the clean water and fish health. Doing some small things like picking up floating debris, not dumping bait, keeping leaves out of the lake can help maintain our ecosystem ensuring our wildlife has a healthy place to breed.





Friendly reminder that in Michigan you must keep your pet leashed when not contained on your property.

Michigan's annual fishing license is valid from March 1 of a given year through March 31 the following year. Purchase licenses online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses. License options include:

- Annual all-species resident: \$26.
- Annual all-species nonresident: \$76.
- Annual all-species senior: \$11 (65 and older or legally blind, Michigan residents only).
- Annual all-species youth: \$2 (voluntary license for residents or nonresidents under the age of 17).
- Daily all-species resident or nonresident: \$10/day (you set the date/time for license to start).

Michigan law requires people 17 or older to purchase a fishing license before fishing in public waters. Those under 17 may fish without a license but must observe all fishing rules and regulations. New this year: Anglers 16 or younger can purchase a voluntary youth all-species license. Any adult actively assisting a youth angler must have a fishing license. New to fishing? Check out our how-to videos for safety and fishing tips at Michigan.gov/HowToFish. For more information on licenses and regulation changes, check out the Michigan Fishing Guide – available at license retailers or online at Michigan.gov/DNRDigests. The 2021 guide will be available online April 1 and will be valid through March 31, 2022. The online version of the current guide is always up to date

The "Three Mile Lake Corporation" was incorporated on February 24, 2000. Our mission is to promote and to operate as a community of common interest, to try to preserve, protect and enhance the waters and watershed, land values, enjoyment of property and social relations of Three Mile Lake and Little Three Mile Lake.

We're a non-profit organization, no one gets compensated in anyway for being part of the board etc.,

Among other things we;

- ◆ Publish, maintain and update the website at threemilelakepawpaw.org
(all old newsletters, lake quality reports are archived)
- ◆ Send newsletters
- ◆ Meet at least twice yearly to discuss any pertinent issues.
- ◆ Host the annual lake picnic, provide food, prizes, entertainment and fun!
- ◆ Maintain the master email list and routinely put out important updates.
- ◆ Serve as an informational resource for our members
- ◆ Address any bulk concerns with appropriate officials
- ◆ Coordinate with local government on issues affecting Three Mile Lake
- ◆ Administer the Lake Weed Treatment program with PLM, which has helped keep our waters nearly free of invasive species.



Whether you are a returning member from years past, or brand new to the lake please consider joining our association. We'd love to have you!

Go the website at threemilelakepawpaw.org and click BECOME A MEMBER—you can pay online or mail in a check! Or use the included form.



The logo for Family Focus Travel features the words "FAMILY FOCUS" in a purple, serif font at the top. Below it, the word "Travel" is written in a teal, cursive font. A small airplane icon is integrated into the letter 'T' of "Travel", and three yellow stars are positioned above the 'l'.

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Three Mile Lake has been scheduled for the week of:

Date	Description	Date	Description
4/5/2021	Water Quality	7/5/2021	Weed & Algae Treatment & E.coli
5/3/2021	Survey	8/2/2021	Weed & Algae Treatment & Water Quality
5/17/2021	Weed & Algae Treatment	9/6/2021	AVAS Survey & Phrag Optional
6/7/2021	Weed & Algae Treatment		

EGLE permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2021 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 Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) 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:

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
Glyphosate	Aqua Pro, Aquaneat	1 Day(s)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Endothal Diquat Dibromide	Aqua Strike	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	14 Day(s)
Endothal	Aquathol K, Hydrothol 191	1 Day(s)	N/A	14 Day(s)	14 Day(s)
Flumioxazin	Clipper, Propeller 5 lbs, Schooner	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	N/A
Imazapyr	Habitat	1 Day(s)	120 Day(s)	120 Day(s)	N/A
Chelated Copper Herbicide	Komeen, Komeen Crystal, Nautique	1 Day(s)	N/A	N/A	N/A
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 70ppb or less	N/A
Florpyrauxifen-Benzyl	ProcellaCOR EC 2x22	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	N/A on domestic; assay indicates no detect at the water intake	N/A
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	N/A
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	N/A
Diquat Dibromide	Reward, Tribune, Tribune 2.5 Gal. Wilbur	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	1 Day(s)
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	N/A
Carfentrazone-Ethyl	Sting Ray	1 Day(s)	14 Day(s)	14 Day(s)	1 Day(s)
PLM Blue, Cygnet Select: water dye (tracer), Copper Sulfate, Cutrine Plus-Ultra, Captain-XTR, 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, M.D. pellets: gram negative, naturally occurring bacteria. PLM Enzyme: enzymes, Phoslock: phosphorus locking technology, EutroSORB phosphorus binding media.				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 ProcellaCOR, 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 Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. 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, Jason Broekstra, Adam Cichon, Bill D'Amico, Jamee Desjardins, William Ducham, Jeff Fischer, Christopher Garner, BreAnne Grabill, Dustin Grabill, Steve Hanson, Kylie Heath, Jake Hunt, Caleb Hutchinson, Jacob Irons, Shannon Lefter, Blake Mallory, Michael Pichla, Eric Reed, Colton Risner, Cameron Robinson, James Scherer, Allison Schermerhorn, Ben Schermerhorn, Casey Shoaff, Lucas Slagel, Keith terHorst, Jeff Toian, Andy Tomaszewski, Dennis Vangessel, Andrew Weinberg

Method of Application: Chemical application will be made via boat, backpack, and/or land vehicle applying liquid surface products by surface spray and/or injection. Granular product application will be surface broadcast.

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)

City

State

Zip Code

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 \$30 Per Family

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Three Mile 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.

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