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Fall 2019

The newsletter is
in **color** on the website and Facebook.



Kevin Ohlrogge hands out hand dipped ice cream cones during the first annual Ice Cream gathering June 29. About a half-dozen boaters showed up for a free cone on a warm summer night.

The annual Hardwood Lake Property owners Association meeting was held Saturday, July 6, 2019.

The President and Directors are elected in odd years. Kevin Ohlrogge was reelected President. Reelected as Directors were Dan Joseph and Sandra Schafer.. Paul Shanahan and Jeff Walser are new to the board, replacing George McClain and Sue Young who stepped down.

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Lake Association continued

Dave Sommers reported that the lake weed control project was on track. Gift certificates from McGregor's store were won by Ron Boger, George McClain and Joe Hoffman.

New board members

Paul Shanahan joined the board in July 2019. He and his wife Roberta purchased a home on the lake in January 1999. They moved from Milford and retired full time to the lake in June 2014. They have two children, Beau and daughter Abby who passed away in 2012. Paul graduated from Western Michigan University. He worked for the family business specializing in audio/video production at horse and greyhound tracks. He said it was like watching the Kentucky Derby on TV.



Paul volunteers at the local Habitat for Humanity by serving on the Board of Directors and aiding with construction of homes and remodels to help benefit the community.

Jeff Walser also joined the board in July and is a newcomer to the lake. He and wife Jana purchased their house on Gillings Road in September 2018.



He grew up in Flushing, Michigan and has lived in Clio for the last 31 years. He is a retired ASE mechanic for 18 years and a construction contractor for five. He enjoys golf, classic cars, cigars and spending time with family and

friends.

He and Jana have two college-aged children.

Weed control update

The ongoing weed control project got off to a late start this year because of the cool spring

There were five chemical treatments in 2019 with the first treatment on June 10. The primary treatments this year have been for algae, however various other weeds were treated including Eurasian milfoil, coontail, starry stone-wort, water lillies and various nuisance plants. There was no weed harvesting in 2019.

Treatment maps and information is posted on the web under "Late Breaking News" and posted on Facebook.

Algae has become an increasing issue. A watershed analysis is being conducted to determine if there are additional nutrients flowing into the lake causing the algae growth.



The lake weed control project is funded through a special assessment on your tax bill.

The next Lake Board meeting will be Monday, **Continued on page 3**

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October 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M-55

Determination to continue weed control and assessment rate is determined every four years, We are scheduled to have these

two public meetings on Saturday, July 18, 2020. You will be notified by a letter mailed to the address listed on your taxes, there will also be a notice in the newsletter and also posted on the web site.

2019 Fish survey

The DNR conducted a periodic fish survey this Spring. Here are the results.

Species	Number	Percent by number	Weight (lb.)	Percent by weight	Length range (in.)*	Average length (in.)
Black crappie	66	4.2	62.7	5.9	2-13	10.9
Black bullhead	135	8.5	73.3	7.0	7-12	10.4
Bluegill	154	9.7	22.6	2.1	1-9	5.5
Bluntnose minnow	115	7.3	0.9	0.1	1-3	2.5
Brown bullhead	55	3.5	32.1	3.0	8-13	10.9
Common carp	60	3.8	190.7	18.1	14-33	19.3
Fathead minnow	2	0.1	0.0	0.0	2-2	2.5
Golden shiner	58	3.7	2.9	0.3	2-6	5.3
Iowa darter	3	0.2	0.0	0.0	1-1	1.5
Largemouth bass	55	3.5	115.0	10.9	11-19	16.2
Northern pike	43	2.7	135.8	12.9	13-33	23.7
Pumpkinseed	11	0.7	1.5	0.1	3-8	5.1
Yellow Perch	142	9.0	3.1	0.3	2-8	4.4
Yellow bullhead	684	43.2	414.3	39.3	7-13	10.4
All species totals:	1,583		1,054.8			

* Note some fish may be measured to 0.1 inch, others to inch group: e.g., "5" = 5.0 to 5.9 inches; "12" = 12.0 to 12.9 inches; etc.
 ** Percent legal or acceptable size for angling.

Kids at play



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You may have noticed "Kids at Play" signs sprouting around the lake.

The association purchased several small signs for members to place on their property to remind drivers to slow down and make it safe.

Contact Vice President, Clay Dees for information and a sign.





July 4th boat parade



About 17 boaters participated in the July 4th parade around the lake. One of the highlights was a Bald Eagle that circled overhead during the event. Numerous lake residents gathered to watch the event.

Another parade is planned for 2020.



Photo by Dan Joseph

A couple of events attracted residents to the shallow spot by the boat launch, The Ice Cream gathering held on July 29 was enjoyed by lake residents. Warm weather made for quick licks.

Boaters gathered for cones, above right, while Edith Sommers, right, delivers cones to eager kids and adults.

The Desert Gathering was held August 17. Several boaters rafted together, above, to enjoy desert on a quiet night.



Fun times on the lake

Planned 2020 events

Several successful new events were held over the summer and will continue in 2020. Mark your calendars. Details will be in the Spring newsletter.

• June 27, 2020 5:00 PM Semi annual picnic. If you have a large event type tent that

the association could use for the day contact Kevin Ohlrogge.

- July 4, 2020 2:00 PM Boat Parade.
- July 18, 2020 Public Hearings on weed control and annual association meeting
- August 1, 2020 7:00 PM Kayak around the lake
- August 15, 2020 7:00 PM Ice cream/desert event

To keep lake residents up-to-date on happenings around Hardwood Lake, the lake association asked Brian and Sandy Schafer to create a Facebook group. Search for: Hardwood Lake. It is a closed group meaning you have to ask to be invited to join. Contact Brian or Sandy at brsakala@gmail.com



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Lake Board Annual Public Meeting

Monday, October 14, 2019
7:00 P.M.
Logan Township Hall
4507 E. M-55



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