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Spring 2022

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



Photo by Kevin Ohlrogge

It's been a cold, long winter. The sun sets over Hardwood Lake on a calm spring evening reminding us of warm summer days ahead.

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Lake Association update

The lake weed control project continues. This is the second year of the current five-year project paid by special assessment on property taxes overseen by the Hardwood Lake Improvement Board. The next meeting is October 10, 2022 - 7 pm - Logan Township Hall. If you have questions or problem areas regarding the lake weed control project contact David Sommers, the association representative on the Lake Board. His contact information is in the masthead on the front page.

In general the project starts in the spring with an inspection of the lake by marine biologist Rick Buteyn of Progressive AE. He makes recommendations and orders treatment. This is followed by another inspection a few weeks later to see how the treatment worked. Then continues throughout the year with an inspection, treatment and followup inspection.

Last year several residents complained about weed harvesting. The issue has been addressed and will be monitored closely.

A major issue is planktonic algae, often referred to as "pea soup" not only on Hardwood Lake but around the mid-west. Treatment is governed under state law. Copper sulfate is not allowed in May and June because of fish spawning. Chelated copper can be used in May and June but is not as fast acting as copper sulfate.

One of the new rules from EGLE is they can only treat out 100' feet from shore and only 100 feet of any lakefront property. Previously treatments could be made out to 300 feet from shore. This is not as effective on planktonic algae. Treatments are usually scheduled for a few days before the three holidays, depending

on lake conditions.

Dave posts treatment maps on the web site and the lake association Facebook page.

Schafer named Secretary/Treasurer

Margo Dees announced her retirement as Lake Association Secretary/Treasurer, a position held for the past dozen years.

Margo said "I've enjoyed working with everyone and will miss being involved with all the great things our board does but 12 years is enough and time for some new property owners to get more involved and contribute new ideas to our fun community."



Sandra Schafer has been appointed to fill the position.



Sandra has been a full time resident for the past eight years, living at the eastern end of Hardwood Heights. She teaches Chemistry at Bay City John Glenn High School. Her husband Brian recently retired from Kluck Nursery in Saginaw.

Sandra's directors position is now open. If you are interested in serving on the Lake Association Board contact President Kevin Ohlrogge.

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In memory

We lost two longtime lake residents in December.

Sara Bergeron, 72, passed away December 5, 2021. She lived at the east end of the lake. <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/23318380/sara-l-bergeron/hale/michigan/burial-funeral-home-sc>

Sara's mother, Dorothy Bergeron, 98, passed away December 23, 2021. <https://www.emfuneralhome.com/obituary/dorothy-bergeron#:~:text=Dorothy%20Bergeron%2C%2098%2C%20of%20Union,in%20charge%20of%20cremation%20arrangements>

We also learned of the passing of former long time resident Ruth Bradley. Ruth moved from the lake in 2019. She passed away in September 2021.

The campground has upgraded electric services. There are 42 camp sites. All have a minimum of 30 amp electrical service with 14 sites having 50 amp service. Electric sites are \$25 - rustic/tent sites are \$10.



Your dues renewal notice is enclosed. Be sure to mail your dues to new Secretary/Treasurer Sandra Schafer, 3400 Hardwood Heights, Prescott, MI 48756

Youngs Move

Sue and Murray Young moved to Frankenmuth at the end of April. They were on the east end of Hardwood Heights for 23 years. Sue served on the Lake Association board for several years

Wave Study

Below is a link to an interesting article on a study conducted by the University of Minnesota on the effect of waves generated by wake boats versus normal recreational boats (planed out boating). The Michigan Lakes & Streams Association co-funded this study with several other entities.

<https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/university-minnesota-researchers-study-waves-created-recreational-boats>

Upcoming events

Lake meeting July 2 9 am, Logan Township Hall
Boat Parade July 3 2 pm
Skidway Lake fireworks display July 9th
Ice cream social August 13 2 pm at the sandbar
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Lake Association Annual Meeting

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Dues Notice

The 2022-2023 Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association dues of \$15 are due. Fiscal year for the lake association is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Some advantages of belonging to the association include newsletters, meeting refreshments and other events. Visit the web site at www.hardwoodlake.org. In the past, the lake association was instrumental in starting the lake weed control project and road dust control.

The newsletter is posted online in color.

Please send payment to:

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