LAKE GEORGE BREEZE

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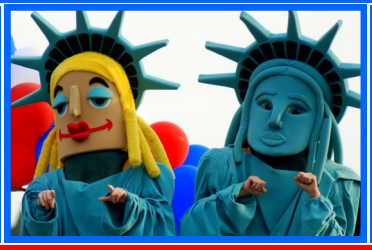


Happy 4th Lake George

NELSON'S CHICKEN

PICK UP SATURDAY, 4th - 10:00 TO 1:00
AT SHELTON'S FIREWORKS

$7.50 FOR 1/2 CHICKEN, BUY 10 GET 1 FREE

CALL MATT MINNICK
260-577-5028 FOR TICKETS OR QUESTIONS

CALENDAR

July 25 - Annual Meeting Lake George Cottagers' Assoc. - 8:30—All are welcome

July 25 - Annual Meeting – LG Conservancy District - 9:30

Aug 29— Hog Roast

Sept. 5 - Beach Directors Meeting

Freedom Fest

JOIN THE FUN STARTING WITH BAND, BOAT PARADE & FIREWORKS

JUNE 3rd - 7:00 pm - TOMMY DENT PRODUCTIONS

JUNE 4th - 6:30 pm - BOAT PARADE & 10:00—FIREWORKS

WHAT YOU PUT ON YOUR LAWNS YOU ALSO PUT INTO THE LAKE! OR, WHY IS THE WATER AS GREEN AS MY GRASS?

Immediately after Memorial Day I was contacted by a concerned lake resident about a large amount of green biomass floating up on our shoreline. His concern was Lake George was suffering from an early algae bloom. I contacted Dave Sorg of the Lake George Conservancy District, and Jim Lake of the Lake George Conservancy (confusing I know) about the matter and it was determined what we were seeing is churned up lake weeds from the busy holiday weekend.

This prompted a discussion between Dave Sorg and I about the need to provide educational material to our lake neighbors about responsible lawn maintenance. After agricultural runoff, excessive and improper lawn fertilization (product containing phosphorous) is the next biggest cause of algae blooms during the hot summer months.

Below is a simple guide on the best lawn management steps to take to protect the lake ecosystem and Lake George water quality:

- Avoid using fertilizers with phosphorous
- Use fertilizers with slow release nitrogen
- Use lawn herbicides sparingly and ideally spot treat weeds
- Never fertilize if the ground is frozen, it produces undue run off
- Mow your lawn high, I realize this has different meanings in Michigan. But basically, keep your mower blades set to 4 to 4-1/2”
- Mulch grass clippings and leave on the lawn, natures fertilizer
- Apply iron to achieve that emerald green your neighbors will envy

Also, it is good to know what your lawn care companies are applying to your lawn. They might be more interested in cost than our lake water quality. Lastly, please make your lawn care company aware that you do not want them to blow leaves and debris into the lake, as was witnessed several times this spring.

Thanks everyone and let’s all enjoy a terrific 2020 season on beautiful and clean Lake George water.

Matt Minnick – President, Lake George Conservancy

10th Annual Laser Regatta a Resounding Success

The Lake George Laser Fleet celebrated its tenth anniversary regatta with a near perfect combination of sailboat racing and camaraderie. Eleven entries were greeted on the morning of June 20 by a five mile per hour breeze, sunny skies, and warm temperatures. Race chair and last year’s regatta winner, Kevin Ahaus, set a triangular course. With the stellar help of Becca Mahuren on the committee boat and Denny Mahuren patrolling the course in his skiff, three races were completed in the morning racing session. Close competition was the order of the day with Ahaus, Jack Stiefel and Jeff Sheridan finishing up front in all three races.

After a break for lunch and some course adjustments, the fleet returned to action. The afternoon racing session welcomed increased wind velocity which helped to power the Lasers through severe power boat chop. Three more races were completed successfully with only one breakdown and one capsize in the last race to mar the action. Competition remained close and fierce but in the atmosphere of sportsmanship and respect.

At the end of the day, the results of the Lake George Laser Regatta produced the closest finish for first place in its ten-year history. Two sailors had exactly the same finishes: three firsts, two seconds, and a third. Scorer Dan Andrews used a complex formula to break the tie. The Regatta winner was Kevin Ahaus. Jack Stiefel received the second place trophy. Keeping it in the family, Kevin’s brother-in-law, Jeff Sheridan, finished third. And Nancy Stiefel, current Laser Captain, took home the fourth place trophy.

A social gathering followed the intense racing sessions and gave the sailors and other Laser Fleet supporters a chance to relax, discuss the day’s action, and enjoy tasty appetizers. They gathered in the wide open expanse atop the hill on the Conservancy property, thanks to the generosity of the Lake George Conservancy Board. Regatta Chair, Jack Stiefel, welcomed everyone, acknowledged those who made the event possible, and paid tribute to the late Lyle Reiff, a prime mover in starting Laser sailing on Lake George. Former resident, Jeff Smith, was also recognized for his role in organizing the first and several subsequent Laser regattas at Lake George. The awarding of trophies brought the event to a close. Everyone agreed that this Regatta was a fitting conclusion to ten years of sailing fun.

(Photos by Becca Mahuren are available on the Lake George Sailing Association’s Facebook page.)

Finishing order of the 10th Annual Laser Regatta:

1. Kevin Ahaus, 2. Jack Stiefel, 3. Jeff Sheridan, 4. Nancy Stiefel, 5. Mitch Ahaus, 6. Kirsten Meyer, 7. Dan Andrews, 8. Joe Perry, 9. Chris Sippel, 10. Pete Hall, 11. John Albright

Weed Treatment Update
Lake George Conservancy District

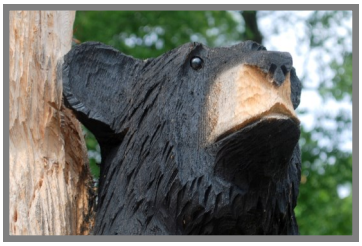
AWC surveyed the lake on June 9 for Eurasian Water Milfoil and found very little. So little that we did not treat the lake this year except for a small 2 acre area East of the access ramp. The first treatment for Starry Stonewort was completed on June 25. Funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative was roughly half of what we received last year but we had anticipated that possibility. The second treatment for SSW will be in late July.

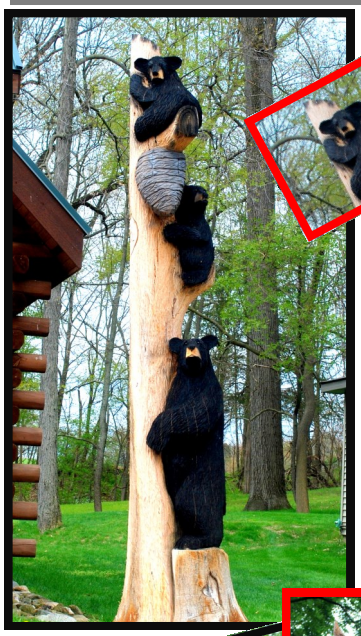
If you notice EWM or SSW in the lake please let us know by emailing us at lakegeorgeconservancydistrict@gmail.com

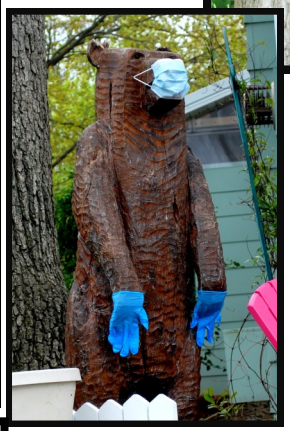
Don't forget our Annual Meeting follows the Cottager's Association Annual Meeting on July 25 (Location TBD)

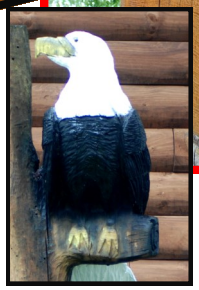
Have a great July 4th Holiday– Dave Sorg- President – LGCD -765-637-8343

Lake George Bears & Other Carved Creatures!









Carver Dan Donnelly, was not a carver before losing his son . To take his mind off his grief he started experimenting a new hobby . He liked it!. As you can see, he has perfected his craft. The bears in the woods can be seen on Caroline Drive. donnelly-carolyn77@gmail , if you need a carving.

LAKE GEORGE SAFETY REMINDERS!

Summer is underway at Lake George! Paul Schlatter, our dedicated patrol officer, has asked us to remind everyone of a few important rules which will help to keep everyone safe.

1. The minimum age to drive a jet ski is 15 years and you must have taken a boater safety course.
2. Boats must maintain a minimum distance of 100 feet from other watercraft.
3. One of the most common and dangerous moves is to "pinch" or cut off another boat.
4. Every individual on the boat must have a life preserver.
5. Golf cart and ATV traffic has improved significantly on our lake roads. The laws in Indiana and Michigan don't allow these vehicles, so you should be aware that an officer may stop and ticket you. Beyond that, drivers of carts are reminded to operate their vehicles in a safe and courteous manner including obeying posted speed limits and having appropriate lighting after dusk.
6. Please obey posted speed limits on our lake roads. Pedestrian, bicycle and golf cart traffic is heavy in the Summer. Lane 201 is a busy road with lots of traffic and a posted speed limit of 25 mph. Help us maintain a safe environment by keeping your speed to the designated limit.

Thank-you Paul Schlatter for your excellent service to Lake George!

BEACH DIRECTOR VACANY

We are in need of a volunteer for the Beach Director position for Lake George Beach West. This beach includes portions of Lane 201, 201A and 201AA on the south side of the lake.

Beach Directors are members of the Board of Directors of the Lake George Cottagers Association. Responsibilities include attendance at three board meeting per year, delivery of The Breeze and the Annual Directory to cottagers on the assigned beach, and placement/removal of buoys on the assigned beach.

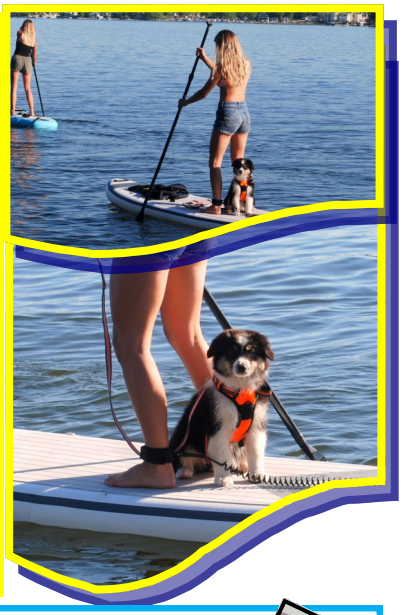
If you live on Lake George Beach West and are willing to volunteer, please contact us at LakeGeorgeCottagersAssociation@gmail.com or **by calling Kevin Snyder at (817) 247-8816 or Dave Sorg at (765) 637-8343. We would like to thank Greg Smith for his service as Beach Director.**

Join Lake George Social Distance Walkers

Since the first week of the corona virus lockdown in early March, a group of Lake women have walked the lanes around Lake George in order to maintain some degree of physical fitness and mental health. The group started with just two walkers, but many more quickly joined the three to four mile walks. There are now 14 walkers who have participated and they range in age from 21 to 80 years old. On weekday mornings, groups of three to as many as nine walkers have now walked every inch of the Lake George lanes many times over. In addition, they've had multiple outings including Iyopowa Island, Trine State Recreation Area, Pokagon State Park, and the Angola bike trail. Mondays and Tuesdays meet at 180 Lane 201B in Forest Park, Wednesdays and Thursdays meet at the end of Bayview. **Join us, it's been a great way to meet new people and enjoy the beautiful scenery in and around Lake George. and enjoy the beautiful scenery in and around Lake George.**

LAKE GEORGE SOCIAL DISTANCING WALKERS

PADDLE BOARD POOCH



FOR SALE

2004 -18 ft Parti Kraft Pontoon. Good condition comes with cover & Yamaha 25 4-stroke motor, removable fishing seat, seats 10 people. Please call Carol or Ed for more details. 517-677-8064

THANK YOU LAKE GEORGE MARINA

Our LG Marina deserves a big **THANK YOU** for all the help and services they have provided to Lake George in many different ways. Owners:: Richard, Troy, TJ holding his daughter Kinslynn Helwig—**support our locals!!**

LOST & FOUND

MILITARY DOG TAG

Found on Kope Kon, I believe they are called military dog tags. The name printed is Charles Ducar. If you lost this and would like it back, please call or text me:
260-704-1055
Faye Schlatter

LG PILOT, JAY TUTHILL, BUILDS NEW AIRPLANE LIFT

WHAT IS HAPPENING ON KOPE KON??

Lots of folks have been asking--what's being built at the tip of Kope Kon? The answer is a plane lift to accommodate the Tuthill's amazing seaplane. The plane is too big for the former lift and needed a redo to make it work. Jay Tuthill and Bill Brenneke spent a year designing and planning the project and the last few weeks building it from aluminum beams and cables. The giant blue tank? 12,000 pounds was needed to settle the new lift into its home. It's a win-win project. The work's been done by neighbors and volunteers and it's a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, Coldwater. For each hour of volunteering, a "time sheet" is submitted with the "wages" going to Habitat.

A HAPPY 4th, BUT GLAD IT'S OVER!

UPDATE: LAKE GEORGE COTTAGERS' ASSOC. - 8:30

AND

THE LAKE GEORGE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT - 9:30

BOTH ANNUAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT THE MARINA!

ALL ARE WELCOMED

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

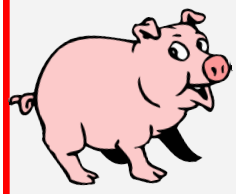
The Lake George Conservancy held its annual member meeting on Saturday, June 22. Due to COVID 19 social distancing recommendations the meeting was held at the Lake George Marina.
Our meeting agenda was:

- Presidents Message
- Board Introductions and Changes
- Financial Updates
- Land Updates
- SCLC 2020 Water Quality Testing
- Annual Fund Raiser
- Questions

The full Power Point presentation will be posted on the LGC website: www.lakegeorgeconservancy.com.
The big news announced at the meeting was our agreement with the owners of the property on the NE corner of Old Angola Road and Lake George Lane 201. We have negotiated a great deal for the LGC largely in part to a generous donation from the Melchi family. This land purchase effectively puts three corners of at this intersection under the ownership of the LGC which blocks commercial development. Go to the website for a more in-depth description of the agreement. With this property purchase, along with the Orchard, Carpet land and Swift Corner acquisitions, the LGC's restricted land acquisition fund is effectively depleted. We will be regrouping to build up our reserves to be better positioned for the next environmentally sensitive property opportunity which meets our mission statement, that is to Preserve and Protect Lake George.
Jim Lake also presented an update on the Stueben County Lakes Council water quality testing. In short, the LGC sponsors this water quality testing in Lake George and we actively monitor the resulting E Coli and Phosphate test results. Again, there is a section on our website dedicated to tracking these annual test results and their year over year trends.
It was reported that our membership levels are surpassing 2019, this is the second consecutive year we have experienced growth, thanks to all our members! The Board takes our mission very seriously and your continued support is greatly appreciated. Lastly, I would like to thank the Lake George Marina team for allowing us to conduct our meeting in their facility.
Have a great summer everyone.

ANNUAL LG HOG ROAST

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



Lake George Conservancy Annual Hog Roast
Saturday August 29th (5 PM)
Location: LGC Preserve –Off Old Angola Road LGC
Update Everyone Welcome

Please bring your own: * Chair * Drinks * Ice * Dish to pass
* Plates and tableware