

# Lake Arrowhead News

Fall 2011

## **APOA BOARD 2011-2012**

### **President & Co-chair Real Estate**

Chris Frey

### **Vice President**

Dick Miller

### **Secretary, Financial & Collection**

Sue Ann Fuller

### **Treasurer, Financial & Collection**

Gary Fuller

### **Roads, Maintenance, Newsletter & Co-chair Long Range Planning**

Dave Cunningham

### **Parks, Recreation, Lakes and Safety**

Anita Wheaton

### **Parliamentarian, By-laws and Historian**

H. Scott Bicknell

### **Gas Wells and Co-chair Long Range Planning**

Ron Race, Jr.

### **Co-chair Real Estate & Legal**

Tim Devine

### **Building Control & Co-Chair Environmental and Zoning**

Kyle Stubli

### **Pool**

Ron Race

### **Campground**

Gordie Wearsch

### **Co-chair Environmental and Zoning**

Dave Ligget

Mary Davignon (Newsletter)

**Contact info for board members is on the web site.**



### **Dates of Board Meetings and Special Events**

Saturday August 6, 2011 at 9:0 a.m. in the office building

Saturday October 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the office building

Saturday February 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the office building

Saturday May 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the office building

Saturday July 7, 2012 immediately following the membership meeting

**Campground Meeting:** Saturday May 26, 2012 9:00 a.m. in the campground

**Annual Membership Meeting:** July 7, 2012 10:00 a.m. at the pavilion

**Picnic:** July 7, 2012 2:00 p.m. at the pavilion

LAPOA Office Building

7065 Arrowroot Trail

Gaylord, MI 49735

231-585-7411



## Highlights from the Membership Meeting

1. There was a lot of discussion on the water level in our lakes. Lakes of the North has installed a 6" well to pump water into Lake Harold. Many members were insistent that we do something now to raise our lake levels. A vote was taken to see how many members would be interested in raising the assessments to pay for the installation of a well and the electrical cost of running it. The results were 87 in favor and 4 opposed. The board set up a committee to do further investigation into the costs and process involved in drilling a well to replenish our lakes.
2. The next discussion was on the muck and silt in the lake. The board is looking into various chemicals that can be used for eradication of this problem.
3. The vote to gate the community was defeated by 74 no votes to 18 yes votes.
4. The board checked into the hiring of a security company to parole our roads on our busiest weekends and decided that members can talk to any violators and call 911 if the problem is bad enough. It was felt that it would be very pricey to hire someone.
5. New board members are: Anita Wheaton, Sue Fuller, Ron Race, Jr., Dave Ligget and Dick Miller.  
Sue Ann Fuller, Secretary

## Maintenance Assessments

Assessments have been paid on 1299 lots with a total of 1571 lots billed. This is 82.68% of the lots paid.

The collection committee with the help of Attorney Karen Wells-Krusell has collected \$11,482.81 in past due assessment this year. Several members are making monthly payments to get paid in full. This fall, letters will be going out to members who are more than two years behind in assessments. There will be more cases turned over to our attorney for collection, if there is no response to the letter.

Remember you must be a member in good standing to use the amenities of our area.

Finance and Collection Committee

Sue Fuller, Gary Fuller, Anita Wheaton and Dana Stubli



## *What's the buzz?*

### **Lake Arrowhead on Facebook! Scott Bicknell**

A new Facebook page has been established for members to share photos and thoughts! Check out the great sunset pictures posted recently. Please send an email or a Facebook message to all your friends and have them go to Lake Arrowhead and click on "Like".

### **LAPOA Website Update Scott Bicknell**

So far in 2011 our website, LAPOA.com, has over 300 unique visitors each and every month, with each visit lasting an average of almost 3 minutes. This is a good indication that the website is doing its job of keeping members informed. Your comments are always welcome email [webmaster@LAPOA.com](mailto:webmaster@LAPOA.com)

### **ATTENTION Amerigas Propane Customers**

Although Amerigas had a very competitive price for Propane last winter, their price for this winter is much higher than local competitors including Gaylord Gas. Check the website for the latest information on propane prices, you may find out you can save a lot if you switch suppliers.

### **Wireless Coverage Extended**

For many years the Waters Inn has provided free WiFi (20 Minutes/Day) in the park near the pool and Pavilion. In 2010 the WiFi coverage was expanded to serve the campground. This summer WiFi coverage was expanded to cover additional areas on the big lake. These new access points were privately funded without any funds from the association.

## **Parks, Recreation, Lakes & Safety**

Hope everyone had a safe and fun summer!!

The Annual Picnic was a good time for all who attended.

A special "Thanks" to the Kennedy's, Cunningham's and all those who helped to make the BBQ a success. Your time and Dedication is greatly appreciated!

Thank You to everyone who purchased a Lake Arrowhead T-Shirt. The proceeds are being put towards landscaping by the "Beautification Committee".

Committee members are busy transplanting flowers, bringing in top soil, mulching, and planning for future "Beautification" projects. Great Job!! Next year we will be buying different items for purchase at the Annual Picnic to help support this nice project!

The boat dock will be coming out in October. With the water levels so low, please, be careful when removing your pontoon or other water craft.

The dry hydrant Buoy's worked great this year. We will be marking the Hydrant Pipe every year.

On an unpleasant note, there has been a lot of vandalism on the park fencing this year. If anyone sees anyone messing around the boards, please speak up. The wolmanized boards are expensive and I would prefer to spend elsewhere instead of on the broken boards.

Fall is in the air!! Enjoy~~~  
Anita Wheaton

**For safety restrictions on children and Off Road Vehicles see:**

[http://www.offroad-ed.com/mi/handbook/age\\_restrictions.htm](http://www.offroad-ed.com/mi/handbook/age_restrictions.htm)

## **Campground News....**

As some of you may have heard, we have had some issues with our water. Or what I should say is that the issues are with testing. A private Contractor that tests quarterly said our water was bad. We had the well chlorinated and they still said it was bad. We paid for our own test with the Health Department, and it came back good. So, our water is fine according to the Health Department. Nothing has changed all season with the water so I feel satisfied at this point. It has been a busy summer and Eva has done an outstanding job. If you see her, ask her to come back...We really need her! Jim Morris has really stepped up several times to lend a hand, he deserves far more than he receives which is nothing! It takes a core of special people to run the Campground. Please thank them...

Gordie



## **Forestry News..**

We have a Contract for a Chipping Operation in the NE corner of the Common Ground. This will take place for 2-3 weeks in the middle of the winter when the roads are frozen. This is a Forestry Stewardship project that has been put on hold way to long.

Gordie



## **Lake Quality:**

The board is investigating several methods for increasing water depth and improving the lake bed of Lake Arrowhead (AKA Buhl Lake). Because of the reduced navigability of the lake, the immediate focus has been on investigating whether or not drilling a well and pumping water up into the lake is an option for us. Dick Miller acquired the necessary permits and a test hole was drilled on September 14<sup>th</sup> to evaluate the ground strata and “draw down” rate at the proposed site. A good clay barrier is required to keep the water in the lake.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> Dick reported to the board:  
It is with regret that I have to inform you that as of 9/16/2011, we have stopped drilling the test hole at 465' depth, with little to no appreciable clay barrier. At approximately 455' depth, we encountered a shale shelf, and according to our best information, in talking to reputable local well drillers who drill for the oil well companies in this area, the shale shelf could be as thick as 400' to 600' in depth. So, what this all means is that we are probably a true water table lake-dependent on Mother Nature to raise the lake level in the future. As for me, this has been an interesting journey, learning much about lake augmentation. Thanks for all of your support-----DICK

-We thank Dick for all his hard work and we will continue to look at other options.

Property owners can help preserve our lake by protecting our shoreline and by preventing phosphorus and other pollutants from entering the lake. Click on <http://www.shoreline.msu.edu/index.html> for tips and resources.

The Otsego County Conservation District also has many resources. Their native plant sales provide an inexpensive opportunity for property owners to purchase plants that are appropriate for our region.  
<http://www.otsego.org/conservationdistrict/>



The Pool is now closed until next year. But what a wonderful summer of great fun and fellowship it was at the pool. The weather was challenging at times but overall was very nice and the pool environment was just perfect. Members and their guests enjoyed the amenities. The water temperature was kept just right thanks to the pool heater and solar cover.

The management responsibilities this year were handled by Derek and Diane Elliott and backed up by Judy Race. They did an absolutely fantastic job. I received numerous comments of thank you from our membership. Love the team's attention to detail and tireless efforts.

We added a few new amenities and upgraded others while still coming in under budget. Visits from the health inspectors resulted in our facility passing with flying colors. Additionally, we are currently obtaining bids to replace the solar cover and hope to cover a good portion of this out our current budget.

Looking forward to seeing our neighbors and friends at YOUR pool in the summer of 2012.

Ron Race  
Pool Chairman

## Trash

The Lake Arrowhead dumpster is for small amounts of household trash. Construction materials, furniture, and other large items may not be discarded at the dumpster. For a small fee, you may dispose of these items at Arrow Sanitation in Gaylord. Arrow also has a **recycling** operation. By recycling household waste, we can cut down on the amount of waste that goes into our dumpster and into land fills! Check out <http://www.otsegocountymi.gov/recycling-by-location-355/> for more items and locations.

### Arrow Sanitation

Address: 254 Little League Drive Gaylord, MI 49735

Telephone: 989-732-4243

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Paper/Cardboard:** All accepted together: Corrugated Cardboard; boxboard/greyboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.); brown paper bags; office paper; magazines; paper-back books; catalogs; aseptic cartons and packaging (items must be flattened and clean)

**Metal:** tin cans and aluminum foil wrap, pans, trays, pop and juice cans. Not accepted: paint cans and aerosol cans.

**Papers:** newspaper, newspaper inserts, and phone books.

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**Plastics:** A plastic food and beverage containers (#'s 1-7). All plastics and containers must be placed in 33-gallon recycling bags and may be purchased at the Arrow Sanitation yard for \$3.50 each. Not accepted: Oil containers such as vegetable oil or olive oil.

**Glass:** All colors of glass bottles and jars. Recyclable Glass must be placed in 33-gallon recycling bags and may be purchased at the Arrow Sanitation yard for \$3.50 each.

**Wood:** Wood which has not been painted or treated. A small fee may apply for large quantities of untreated or treated wood that cannot be recycled.

