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Lake Arrowhead News

Fall 2012



Dates of Board Meetings and Special Events

Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 9 a.m. in the office.

Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 9 a.m. in the office.

Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the office.

Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the office.

Saturday, July 6, 2013 immediately following the membership meeting.

Campground Meeting: Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the campground.

Annual Membership Meeting: Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the pavilion.

Picnic: Saturday, July 6, 2013, 2:00 at the pavilion.

Special Meetings: In accordance with our Association By-Laws (available on the web site) a special meeting was held on September 1, 2012 to provide members with information about our lake study and to obtain direction from the membership. Interest and attendance at the meeting was great with over 100 members attending! After hearing Mr. Jeffrey Anagnostou's lake study report, members voted overwhelmingly to elicit bids and to continue work on lake quality improvement. In case you missed it, it appears possible to raise the lake level up to two feet by opening up the springs on the East side of the lake! Detailed reports are available on the LAPOA web site.



WOW - where did the summer go? But what a wonderful summer of great fun and fellowship it was at the pool as members and their guests enjoyed the amenities. Sadly, the Pool is now closed until next year.

The management responsibilities this year were handled by Diane Elliott and Judy Race. They did another absolutely fantastic job. I received numerous comments of thank you from our membership. Their attention to detail and tireless efforts are appreciated.

We had a few challenges throughout the year with some minor equipment issues. None were impactful until one week before season's end. The pool water heater broke down. The parts were ordered and we limped along for the final week doing our best to keep the water at the desired temperature. The heater has now been repaired and all systems are "go" for an uneventful 2013 opening.

We are certainly looking forward to seeing our neighbors and friends at YOUR pool next summer.

Ron Race
Pool Chairman

Parks, Recreational, Lakes & Safety Report

Hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. Northern Michigan has certainly been warm, maybe a little too warm for some, but a nice summer it has been.

The Annual Picnic was a big success. Lots of good salads and plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers. As always, Fango and his crew did a marvelous job with the grilling. Dave Cunningham always knows just the right food & beverages to supply for the picnic.

The Beautification Committee did a great job of selling things, to help keep our area looking pristine.

To keep up-dated on the Lake Augmentation go to our website at lapoa.com. All of the most recent activity will be posted there.

A big "THANK YOU" to all the people in our community who have helped us this year. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Let the leaves fall and the raking begin...

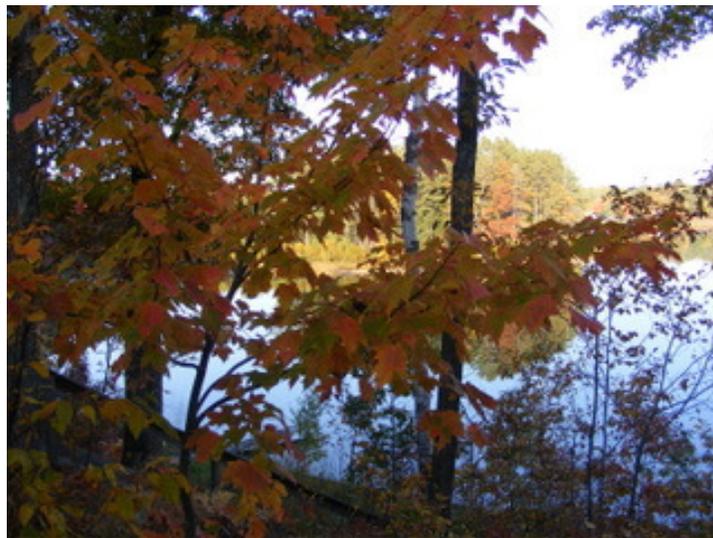
Parks, Recreation, Lakes & Safety Chairperson
Anita Wheaton



Campground

Looks like another year of Camping has just about gone away!
There are still the fall colors to come up and see.
October and November are some of the prettiest months of the year.
We had a good camping season so far with campers and
income pretty much keeping pace with last year. We have had
no major problems or issues to speak of and I want to Thank
our whole staff, Dale and Eva Davidson, Jim and Sharon Morris along with
Carl and Marsha Schick for all of their help to make LAPOA Campground the
best it can be!

Gordie Wearsch- Campground Chair



Forestry

There is nothing new to report since the last newsletter.
We are in a holding pattern for the next cut until the economy comes
back for forestry products.

Gordie Wearsch- Forestry Chair

Wireless internet

Wireless internet access is available on the large part of the lake. It is free for the first
20 minutes/day complements of the Waters Inn. Longer use is available for a small fee.

Lake Arrowhead is on Facebook. It is a great way for members to post events and
photos.



Preserving our lake

- Did you know that by raking leaves out of the lake and composting them, you can reduce the amount of organic material that builds up in the lake? Organics gradually break down and can turn into black muck. Rake those leaves fall and spring! It's good exercise and it is good for the lake! Wide "pond rakes" can be purchased to ease this process.
- By having your septic tank pumped out you can avoid system failure and ground water & lake contamination. Sludge builds up inside all septic tanks. Experts recommend that septic tanks be pumped at least every 2-5 years depending on usage. When was the last time your tank was serviced?
- Avoid using fertilizers and phosphates that can lead to algae blooms.
- Clean up after pets. Animal waste can wash into the lakes.
- Maintain a shoreline buffer zone. We all enjoy a bit of beach but sometimes we can overdo it. Shoreline plants help to prevent silt from washing into the lake. Check out Michigan State's Extension service for information about shoreline restoration:
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/reap_the_benefits_of_natural_shoreline_landscapes
- Allow shrubs and trees to grow on hillsides, especially the steep hills. Trees may be trimmed up to open up the view, but avoid removing them. If trees must be cut, keep the stumps in place. Those roots hold your hillside! Avoid planting invasive species. Check out the list of native and invasive plants at <http://www.wildflowersmich.org/index.php?menu=10> An inexpensive source for native plants is our own Otsego County Conservation District.

The Otsego County Conservation District will be holding its annual tree sale shortly. Orders are due by September 28th and pick up will be October 12-13 at the fairgrounds. Check out the District's website for more information about native species, shoreline management, erosion control and other programs. The District also provides soil and shoreline permits for construction and landscape projects near bodies of water.
<http://www.otsego.org/conservationdistrict/index.htm>

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