

# Lake Arrowhead News Fall 2013

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Contact information for individual board members is posted on the mailbox bulletin board and can also be found on our website: [www.lapoa.com](http://www.lapoa.com).

Nels and Ron Race installed two new message boards at the mailboxes. Names of members with delinquent accounts will be posted on one, and the LAPOA News on the other.

**Save a Stamp!** A LAPOA drop box has been installed on the mailbox building for payments and for correspondence to the LAPOA.

Lake Arrowhead Property Owner's Association  
7065 Arrowroot Trail  
Gaylord, MI 49735

**LAPOA Office: 231-585-7411**



## Dates of Board Meetings and Special Events

August 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in office

October 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the office

February 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in office

May 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in office

Annual Membership Meeting: July 5, 2014  
10:00 a.m. at the pavilion

Picnic: July 5, 2014 at 2:00p.m. at the pavilion

Campground Meeting: May 24, 2014.

## Halloween Festivities

At noon on Saturday Oct 26th our little goblins and princesses are invited to gather at the maintenance building dressed and ready to go Trick or Treating. Children will go on a hayride around the lake and Trick or Treat at specific houses. Trailers and machines are welcome. Upon returning to the maintenance building, hot dogs will be provided (Thank you Gary and Sue Duvall). Please bring candy to pass out and a dish to pass.

## Property Transfers

To help avoid title issues, when selling any property in Lake Arrowhead, sellers must notify the LAPOA office staff prior to selling/closing. This may be done by mail, the LAPOA drop box, by phone, or via e-mail.

## Pool

WOW – is it really fall already? What wonderful times of great fun and fellowship we enjoyed at the pool this summer. Members and their guests enjoyed the amenities, sunshine, and crystal clear 82 degree water. Sadly, your pool is now closed until next year.

The management responsibilities this year were handled by Victoria Becroft and Judy Race. They did a fantastic job. I received numerous accolades and thanks from our membership. Their attention to detail and tireless efforts are appreciated.

We had a few challenges throughout the year. Some minor vandalism which our members quickly helped us police and prevent further occurrences. We also had one minor equipment issue with the pump. It was not impactful enough to keep us down for long. The pool filter pump was overheating and had to be rebuilt. The main culprit was the trees overhanging the pool. As soon as the pool was closed and covered, we removed a few trees that were blocking the sun and were causing issues with the water and pump.

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

Ron Race  
Pool Chairman



## Thanks

*Thank you to all the volunteers who help to make Lake Arrowhead so enjoyable. Much of the work that is done behind the scenes is unpaid. Our latest thanks go to Anita & Nelson Wheaton, Dave Cunningham, and Ron Race for working so hard to remove overhanging trees from the pool area!*



## Lots for Sale

The Lake Arrowhead Property Owner's Association currently owns several beautiful lots that are for sale. These may be ideal for a home, cottage, or that much needed pole barn. Contact Dana Stubli at the office for info on available lots.

## Attention Book Worms!

Whether you are a resident or a part-timer, as an Otsego County property owner you can get a library card and take advantage of all the library has to offer.



### **Campground**

As summer comes to a close, so does our camping season. We've had a very successful season with a family reunion and wedding party filling the campground 2 weekends. With great weather conditions, regular weekend campers and permanent campers our revenue intake has been very good despite the economy. We have a lot of really nice campers that visit regularly and we welcome you all back next spring. You all have a great fall/winter and holiday season. We'll see you next spring!

Sincerely yours  
Mike Gascoyne, Campground Chairman  
Eva Davidson, Campground Manager

### **Internet Access**

Sixty minutes of free WiiFii is available at the pavilion and in many parts of the large lake complements of the Waters Inn. Additional time can be purchased for a modest fee. This summer we observed fiber optic cables being installed along Hayes Tower Road. Currently the cable companies have no plans to bring cable into Lake Arrowhead.

### **Propane**

This season, Amerigas has locked rates for Lake Arrowhead residents who have their propane piped to their homes at \$1.899./gal.

### **Facebook**

Lake Arrowhead has a Facebook account where Facebook members can post news and pictures that are of interest to our members. Association news that occurs between newsletters is often posted on FB. To view and to post you will need to open a free account.

### **It's easy to be Green...when you use the new Otsego County Recycling centers!**

Recycling bin locations are open 24/7 and accept paper, boxes, bags and containers. For more information visit [www.otsegorecycling.org](http://www.otsegorecycling.org)

- **Otsego Recycling West**  
**71 Hayes Tower Road west of Gaylord, Immediately south of the Hayes Township Hall**  
**550' south of the intersection of M-32 West and Hayes Tower Road**
  - Otsego Recycling North  
621 Garfield Street in Vanderbilt, MI  
Northeast of the Vanderbilt Village Hall and the intersection of Garfield Street & Elm.
  - Otsego Recycling Central  
931 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, MI  
Near the Gaylord Discovery Center
  - Otsego Recycling South  
247 Old State Road across from the Otsego Lake Township Cemetery north of Waters, MI. Half-mile east of the intersection of Old 27 South and Old State Road.
  - Otsego Recycling East  
2932 Rock Road, Johannesburg, MI  
at the Charlton-Chester-Dover Transfer Station near the corner of M-32 East and Rock Road

*Those LAPOA members who use the new recycling bins notice that they have reduced the trash going into our dumpster by half. Savings to our members should be substantial. Let's get everyone recycling!!*

## ATV Safety

Lake Arrowhead property is privately owned so ATVs can be driven on our common roads and trails. They may not be used within our parks or on individual property owner's land without permission. Michigan ATV laws and traffic laws do apply within Lake Arrowhead. We have noticed that many children are riding ATVs without adult supervision. There have been some close calls. Please supervise your youngsters and encourage young riders to stop at intersections and when entering a roadway. It is best to use the roads just to access our great trails.

### Michigan's ATV Laws:

- All riders (operator and passengers) must wear a helmet and eye protection at all times.
- All ATVs must be titled.
- All ATVs must be registered unless used solely on an operator's private land; renewal is once every year.
- Children under 16 years old must have a safety training certificate and be under the direct visual supervision of an adult.
- No one under 16 may operate a three-wheeled ATV.
- No one under 10 may operate an ATV except while performing farm work.
- No one under 12 may cross a highway or street on an ATV.
- No passengers are allowed on the ATV unless it is designed to carry more than one person.
- ATV use on highways is prohibited, except to cross these roads, although operators are permitted to drive on highway shoulders.
- No ATV shall be operated without a lighted headlight and taillight from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

### State Agency that Regulates

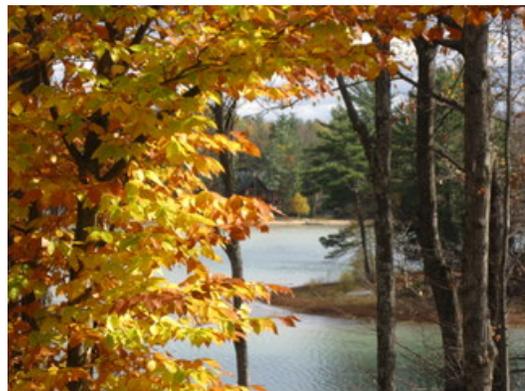
**ATVs:** Department of Natural Resources.  
View their Web Site: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

## Changes!

Eighteen years is a long time. That is how long Gary and Sue Fuller served the Lake Arrowhead Community on the Board of Directors. As Treasurer, Gary handled the finances: balancing tight budgets, paying the bills, and sometimes robbing Peter to pay Paul. Sue served us as Secretary, notifying every one of meetings, making the agendas and minutes, collecting dues, and handling correspondence. In reality, they both did much, much more. Gary and Sue, we thank you for your dedication, integrity, attention to detail and your tireless labor. May you have countless joys in your "retirement" from LAPOA duties.

## Modernizing

The LAPOA Office has made many changes this summer. With our new Treasurer, Judy Race, we will now be utilizing Quickbooks, to track our finances and for our billing. Anita, Dana, and Judy have worked hard making the transition. A big "Thank You" goes to Chris Speen for generously donating the new computer that makes it all possible.



## Parks

The annual picnic was an occasion for a good time to be had by all. Thanks to Fango and his company for all the help they gave to make it a great success!!

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer!  
-Anita Wheaton



### **Don't go it alone!**

It's a little late in the season for this but we've noticed several swimmers who swim across the lake without being accompanied by a boat. Power boaters cannot easily see a lone swimmer. Always get someone to row along with long distance swimmers!

### **Lake Improvement Project**

At the membership meeting in July members voted overwhelmingly to proceed with our "Lake Improvement Project," particularly, hydraulic dredging on the East side of the big lake. This dredging should open the springs and improve the lake level. The LAPOA board had two special meetings in September to finalize plans for the project. On September 21<sup>st</sup>, the board voted to authorize President Ron Race to sign the dredging contract. "Dirt work," the preparation for the actual dredging should start this September. The primary location for the silt that will be dredged has been changed to a low area east of the dumpster. This change has been approved by the DEQ and should decrease costs. Dredging will commence this spring. So far members are being great about sending in their special assessment payments.

**Remember to send in your payment by November 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid late payment penalties!**

Newsletter submitted by Mary Davignon



### **Lake Quality**

- The fall leaves are beautiful, but once they're down they can make a mess of a lake bottom. Property owners on the lake can reduce the accumulation of organic matter by raking out leaves spring and fall. Special wide rakes can be purchased to ease this task. Rake and reduce muck!
- Do you have a good shoreline buffer?
- Take a good look at your lot. Do you have enough plant life with deep roots to hold your soil? Is erosion a problem? How can water runoff be slowed from your hillside? The Otsego County Conservation District's website can provide you the answers you need. Their Native Fall Seedling Sale takes place Oct. 11-12. See: <http://www.otsego.org/conservationdistrict/>
- When was the last time your septic tank was pumped out? Regular septic service will prevent back-ups and keeps unwanted organics off beaches and out of the lake.

