

Lake Arrowhead News

June 2019

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Hayes Township Free Clean Up Day and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day:

Saturday, June 8, 2019.

Hayes Township Free Clean Up Day: Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 7-10 a.m. at 254 Little League Drive, Gaylord. *This is the day when you can discard those large items like furniture, construction waste, or appliances without paying a dumping fee.* No hazardous materials, tires, air conditioners, refrigerators, or freezers. Please bring proof of Hayes Township residency or property ownership.

If you have a truck or trailer and will be going to the dump, please check with neighbors to see if they have items to go too.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal will be held on the same day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Road Commission Building on McCoy Road, between Dickerson and S. Otsego Ave.

Due to a grant, **used tires** may be disposed of for free at the Road Commission Building at this event.

Campground Meeting: Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Campground pavilion.

Annual Membership Meeting & Election:

Saturday, July 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at the Pavilion. Bring lawn chairs.

Annual Picnic: Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pavilion for our members and guests. Please bring lawn chairs and dish to share. Beverages, burgers, hot dogs and paper products will be provided.

Board Meetings:

-July 6, 2019: Immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting. Other meetings are normally scheduled to be held on the first Saturdays of August, October, December, February, and May. *All members of LAPOA are invited to attend our Membership and Board meetings. Only members in good standing are eligible to address the board at meetings and to vote at the Membership Meeting.*

WEBSITE: www.lapoa.com

LAPOA Office: 231-585-7411

Email to Office Staff: LAPOAoffice@gmail.com

LAPOA has a drop box on the mailbox building for payments and for correspondence to LAPOA.

LAPOA

7065 Arrowroot Trail A-3

Gaylord, MI 49735

Normal Office Hours:

Tuesday 1:00-3:00

Wednesday 5:00-7:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00-11:00 AM

Details and changes to scheduled Office Hours, Meetings, or Special Events will be posted on the Association's website and Facebook & Nextdoor pages.

Tax Sale Auction

The North Central Lower Peninsula tax sale which includes Otsego County will be held at **noon** on August 12, 2019 at Ellison Place, 150 Dale Dr, Gaylord, MI 49735. For information about the auction and available properties see:

<https://www.tax-sale.info/auctions>



Buying and Selling Property in Lake Arrowhead

-Before making a purchase, please check with the Office to see if there are outstanding dues and kindly notify us when the sale is complete.

Whenever you purchase a lot in Lake Arrowhead, please be sure to send a copy of the registered deed or land contract to the LAPOA Office. You can drop it in the LAPOA drop-box located on the south side of the mailbox building; email it to lapoaoffice@gmail.com; or send it via US Mail. Please also provide and keep current, your contact information: mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. A Contact Information form can be obtained at the Office or downloaded from the "Contact Information" page of our website: www.lapoa.com.

-Our website, www.lapoa.com is especially helpful to prospective buyers.

Mailboxes

Mailboxes may be leased by full time residents of Lake Arrowhead. Property owners must remain in good standing to retain their mailboxes. Upon moving out of Lake Arrowhead, keys should be returned to our Office. ***New residents must lease their own boxes.*** Because we have so many new full-time residents and a limited number of boxes, we ask that if you no longer use your mailbox, to kindly surrender it to the Association. Mail recipients are asked to check your mail regularly especially during the holiday time when parcel boxes are in high demand.

Burn Permits

Before lighting that pile of brush or leaves, check to see if debris burning is allowed. A direct link to the following website can be found on the "News You Can Use" page of our website.

<http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/>

Permits are not normally required for small campfires but be sure they are fully extinguished.

Boating: Please be sure that you and your guests are familiar with the Lake Rules that are posted on the website and by the boat launch. ***The correct direction around the lake is counter-clockwise!***

Trash

The dumpster is on site for our members' ordinary household garbage. (Kitchen waste, small packaging and other things that you would expect to discard on a weekly basis.) It now costs the Association over \$1000 each time the dumpster is switched out. (Yes, we have compared prices.) Our members are asked to recycle as much as possible; to donate good, usable items to charities; and to make use of the local dumps for prohibited items such as appliances, furniture, construction debris, yard waste etc.

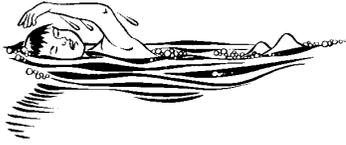
See Free Clean-up Day information on page 1.

Changes in Recycling Operations

American Waste has won the latest recycling contract for Otsego County. The contract runs from June 1, 2019 through May 1, 2023. News reports indicate that there will be a few changes which will include more frequent bin switch-outs, acceptance of Styrofoam, and the elimination of separating materials. The nearest Recycling Center located on Hayes Tower Road just South of M-32 is scheduled to have bins emptied on Mondays and Fridays. The center is not well marked. Look for a chain link fenced area with two driveways. By recycling, you can help protect our environment and reduce the Association's substantial trash disposal costs.

Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding

Monitors, TVs, small electronics etc. can be recycled at Comprenew for a small fee. They are located in the old Ellsworth Farmer's Exchange building, 1681 S. Otsego Ave, in Gaylord. Phone 989-858-5657. Comprenew does paper shredding and electronics recycling out of that location. *(Crossroads no longer does shredding.)*



Pool

Weather permitting, our pool is open every day 10AM until 9PM from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The water will be kept at a comfortable 83 degrees. As always, keeping the pool clean and safe requires that all of us obey the pool rules and report any issues to management right away. This year the pool will be co-managed by our experienced and dedicated team consisting of Veronica Johnston and Ron Race Sr.

Campground

The Lake Arrowhead Campground is wonderful amenity with a shower house, pavilion, play-scape, fire rings, electric hook-ups, and a waste dumping station. The Campground is for the exclusive use of Lake Arrowhead Property Owners who are in good standing, their families, and their guests. Before sending in a reservation request, please contact Marcia Schick, the Campground Manager at 989-327-4596 to see if a campsite is available. Marcia does her best to accommodate campers, but site assignments are always at her discretion. Property owners must have their regular and special assessments paid in full before a campground lease will be approved. We do not accept credit/debit cards at the campground. Checks and cash are accepted. The property owner is required to sign the lease agreement for themselves and for their guests. **Guest campers will not be allowed to camp without a Campground Lease Agreement that has been signed by a Lake Arrowhead property owner who is in good standing.**

Members can download the current lease agreement and Campground rules from the "Amenities & Services" page of our website. There is currently a waiting list for the yearly campground sites.

You can support the campground by donating your deposit bottles and cans. Please drop off your bags or boxes of returnables at the Campground shower house throughout the camping season.



Snow Trivia

We had a challenging winter due to snow, ice, and high winds. The snow total for November 1, 2018 to May 1, 2019 at the Passenheim Rd. National Weather Service Station was 159.5". Normal for that period is 145.6". The highest (2008-2009) was 181.3" and the lowest snow total just one year later (2009-2010) was only 81".



About Guests

The Lake Arrowhead amenities are here for the enjoyment of our members and their guests. You can enhance the experience of your guests, renters, and the community by providing guests and tenants with information about parking, copies of the Lake Arrowhead map, and the Association rules. All these and more are available at the Office and can be downloaded from the website: www.lapoa.com.

Guest Parking: Sometimes when guests arrive, extra parking space is needed. Limited, short term guest parking is available along the fence at Anita's Park (the main park by the pool), and in **designated areas** near the Maintenance Building. **Do not block access to the garage or to the sand piles!** During the winter, there is also room for a car or two near the Office Building. No trailers there please!

Beautification Committee

Alice Kennedy and her Beautification Committee have created lovely gardens to welcome us at our main entrance, our pool, and at the Lake Arrowhead Office Building.

Please support the Beautification Committee's work by purchasing T-Shirts at our Annual Picnic on July 6th and/or by helping with weeding and watering the gardens throughout the summer and fall.

You may contact Alice Kennedy at 248-459-2139 or leave a message for her at the LAPOA Office.

Financial Report

Budget: The 2018-2019 budget year had some real challenges. Our largest expense is always maintaining the roads. Road maintenance came in much higher than budgeted due to a lot of icy road conditions requiring sand. In addition, J&N was no longer able to provide sand during the winter months and the new provider's cost is over 50% higher than J&N. As stated last year, brine prices have increased by over 50% to \$5740 per application. We were hopeful to only have two applications last summer vs the three we have done in the past, but unfortunately a dry summer required the third brine application. The sander on our truck needed some major repairs causing the equipment maintenance to be higher than budgeted. We had to use \$5000 from Forestry fund in addition to our assessments and gas well income to meet our expenditures.

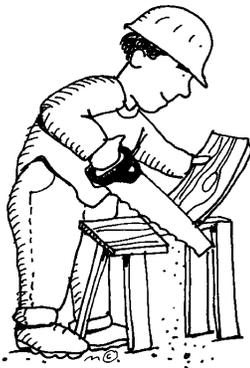
By year-end, we collected over 90% of regular 2018-2019 assessments and reserve fund billed. In addition to current assessments, we collected over \$45,000 in assessments owed from previous years and late fees. Gas wells came in just over \$15,000, about the same as the previous year. We ended the year with a total balance of \$104,850 in various accounts: \$57,139 in the reserve fund, \$27,434 in the lake improvement fund (to complete the lake project once the spoils area completely dries out), \$5,787 in the Forestry account, \$12,513 in the Campground operating account, \$827 in the Association operating account, and \$1150 in various petty cash accounts. The 2019-2020 budget was approved at the February Board Meeting.

Billing reminder: The 2019-2020 billing was sent out on March 1st and was due upon receipt. **To avoid a late charge, we must receive your payment in full on or before June 15th. On June 16th we are required to apply a \$50 late charge to all accounts with an unpaid balance.** Please include your lot number(s) on your check to ensure proper crediting. In addition to US Mail, payments may be dropped in the LAPOA drop box on the mail house building or may be paid by credit card by clicking on the "Make a Payment" tab on the www.lapoa.com website. (An additional 3% fee is charged on all credit card payments to cover the bank fees to process credit card transactions.)

Collections: We continue with our practice of filing small claims for unpaid association assessments. Quarterly the names and balances of owners with past due assessments are posted on the LAPOA office building. If you have past due assessments, please call the office to make arrangements for payment.

-Submitted by Judy Race, LAPOA Treasurer

Members in good standing may rent our pavilion and/or Office Building (with kitchenette) for parties. See the "Amenities and Services" page of our website for the Pavilion rental form. Be sure to call the Office to see if your date is available!



Great Lakes Energy will be replacing power poles and upgrading lines on the East side of the lake this Summer.

Building in Lake Arrowhead

Hello neighbors!

Just a friendly reminder about building in Lake Arrowhead, please remember that a building permit needs to be approved by the building control chair or co-chair prior to applying for a permit from Otsego County. There is no fee for the LAPOA permit and can be found and printed off the LAPOA website under the "Real Estate and Maps" section, or requested from the Office. Please fill out the permit and drop it in the LAPOA drop-box located at the mailbox building or you can hand it at the office. Once your permit is approved it will be sent back to you, at that point you can take the LAPOA permit and apply for the county permit. **Once you have your county permit please provide the LAPOA office with a photocopy prior to construction.**

Have a great Summer!

-Ron Race Jr., Building Control Chairperson

Social Committee

We held a very successful Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th at the Pavilion/Main Park (Anita's Park) area. There were so many children we could not get a head count! We did have candy contributions for this event from Larry Roll, Tracy Smith and Marcia Wheaton. As with anything, we had tons of fun stuffing the eggs on Friday night. My "egg stuffers" were: Kyle and Dana Stubli, Greg and Tracy Smith, Marcia Wheaton and Dave Stubli. We filled 401 eggs with goodies and on Saturday morning hid them. It took about an hour to "hide" the eggs and about 15 minutes for the eggs to be found! Many thanks to the candy contributors, the egg stuffers and the egg hiders!!!

I am always looking for ideas for things our members could get together and do / socialize. If you have any thoughts, let me know! connie@gaylordlaw.com<mailto:connie@gaylordlaw.com> or Connie: 989-350-8929.
-Connie Stubli, Social Committee Chairpeson

Keeping You in the Loop

Do you have questions about Lake Arrowhead or about upcoming events? We are always happy to provide information when you email us, phone, or drop into the Office to say "Hello." The easiest and fastest way to obtain information about our neighborhood is to browse **our website: www.lapoa.com**. I try to provide information that is helpful to members and to those who may be considering purchasing property or building in Lake Arrowhead. The "News You Can Use" page of our website has our newsletters, reports, and quick links to the following:

[Northern Michigan Snow Totals](#)
[Safety on Ice](#)
[Burn Permits](#)
[Gaylord Recreation](#)
[Snowmobiling Information](#)

[Michigan Boating Safety and Regulations](#)
[Michigan Hunting and Fishing Guides and Digests](#)
[The Water's Edge](#)
[Michigan Offroad Vehicle Educational Handbook](#)

In addition to our website, we publish **three newsletters** each year. All three are posted to the website and the June edition of *The Lake Arrowhead News* is also mailed to our members. **Between newsletters, the latest news is posted on the Lake Arrowhead Nextdoor and Facebook pages.** When using Facebook, look for Lake Arrowhead Gaylord. (There are several Lake Arrowheads in the USA that are not associated with us.) To access Nextdoor, you will need to register using your Lake Arrowhead address.

-Submitted by Mary Davignon, Communications Chairperson

Environment and Zoning

-As we prepare for another great summer in Lake Arrowhead now is the perfect time to take care of our community. As you install your docks and boat hoists keep in mind that docks, boat hoists, or other structures may not be placed on any common grounds. Additionally, docks, boat hoists and swim rafts need to be placed so the waterway is navigable by all boaters.

-If you have junk in the yard or junk in the house you need to get rid of you can dispose of it for **FREE** at the annual Hayes Tower Clean Up Day and Household Hazardous Waste disposal day. See page one. If you have been waiting for spring to dispose of old cars, trailers, boats etc., now is also the time.

-Thank you to all our members for keeping Lake Arrowhead a clean and safe environment for everyone to enjoy.

-Carolyn Wright, Environment & Zoning Chairperson



Please respect private property and obey all Michigan laws regarding ATVs while recreating in Lake Arrowhead. Remember, children on ATVs must be supervised

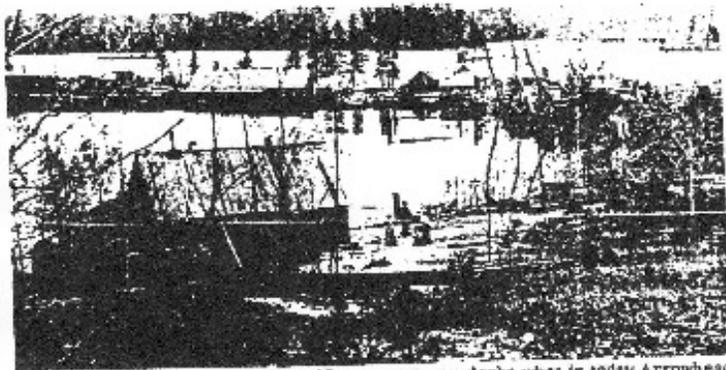
History: I couldn't resist passing along these treasures that I discovered in the Lake Arrowhead Office. Please pardon my amateurish cutting and pasting! We do have a lot of Lake Arrowhead historical documents in the Office Building, catalogued and ready for browsing. Stop by during Office Hours to review them. The materials are precious to the community and may not be taken from the building.

-Mary Davignon

These articles are from copies of the "News and Views of Your Lake"

THE ARROWHEAD

and Views of Your Lake" OCTOBER, 1964



THIS PHOTO, taken more than 60 years ago, overlooks what is today Arrowhead Shores looking southwest onto Lake Little Bear. Eagle Island and Southern Trails are in background.

The History Behind Lake Arrowhead

There's a long and interesting history behind Lake Arrowhead - and property owners can now share in that history.

The very land you own at Arrowhead (formerly Lake Buel) was once part of one of Michigan's leading white pine logging companies. The area was logged in the late 1800's and again in the early part of this century.

More than 60 years later, Lake Arrowhead can still boast as one of the finest white pine and wooded areas in the entire state.

The photograph above was brought to us by Mrs. Inez Olmstead, a teacher in the East Lansing public school system.

Strange as it may seem, the discovery

given "time" to grow, "time" to mature, "time" to ripen . . .

. . . If you realize the rapidly expanding highway network, the shorter work week, longer paid vacations, larger and earlier retirement pensions and a general increase in leisure time activities . . .

. . . if you are a realistic investor, one who knows that the good things in life do not come easily -- that thriving communities do not literally spring up overnight -- that population growth is a slow process -- that sound planners make haste slowly . . .

. . . if you have faith in Lake Arrowhead's future -- as have so many of Michigan's leading economists and real estate investors . . .

. . . THEN -- NO INVEST IN LAKE ARROWHEAD -- IT'S FOR YOU!

of this photo, approximately 60 years old, was made possible because of the great Chicago fire. Confused? Let's back up a bit . . .

Approximately one century ago, Mrs. Olmstead's grandfather, Fred Smith, ran a merchant ship up and down the Great Lakes area. Following the tragic Chicago fire 93 years ago, Mr. Smith, like most shippers, was toiling 'round the clock carrying the desperately needed lumber from the north country to rebuild the "windy" city.

A severe storm in the Great Lakes while enroute to Chicago, with a cargo of timber, cost Smith his ship, and almost his life.

Lost near Ludington on Lake Michigan, he ended up in Oscego County. He switched from carrying lumber to cutting it down.

Mrs. Olmstead says it's possible her grandfather was actually one of the lumbermen at the camp shown in the photo, which was passed down by Mr. Smith.

Coincidentally, Mr. Olmstead's grandfather, Billy Williams, logged in the same area around the early 1900's.

Mr. Olmstead, true to family forestry tradition, is the regional officer in the southern part of the Lower Peninsula for the State Department of Conservation.

Indeed, there's an interesting past to Lake Arrowhead!

Fall 1967

The Himmelhochs

Much of the beauty of Lake Arrowhead can be attributed to the Dr. A. Joseph Himmelhoch family of Detroit, former owners of the Lake Arrowhead property.

Dr. Himmelhoch, still a practicing pediatrician, purchased most of the present acreage in 1933, acquiring an additional 720 acres in 1946, for a total of 2,000 acres.

The beautiful lodge at the development was built in 1936-37. Dr. Himmelhoch, his wife, and their three sons spent all their summers at the lake from the time of their purchase to the time of their sale in 1963 to American Central Corporation.

"Actually, it was from Decoration Day to the first snow before school that the family spent at the lake," Dr. Himmelhoch said.

There were no roads, no trails and the nearest neighbor was a good 12 miles away - but that was the way they liked it.

Much of their time was spent fishing, boating, bird watching and swimming. Although there was plenty of deer, they never

hunted.

One of the amazing feats performed by the entire family over the years was the planting of 20,000 trees (yes, 20,000), mostly Norway and Jack Pine.

Years ago it took the Himmelhochs more than six hours to drive from Detroit to Lake Arrowhead - a trip that takes less than 3-1/2 today.

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**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAKE ARROWHEAD
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

DATE: July 6, 2019

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: LAPOA PAVILION

AGENDA:

- I. Call the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - A. Establish a quorum
 - B. Roll call of the Board of Directors
 - C. Approval of the minutes of the July 7, 2018 membership meeting.
 - D. Oral Reports of Officers
 - a. Treasurer's report by Judy Race
 - E. Oral Reports of Committee Chairpersons
 - F. Questions on the reports submitted by Officers and chairpersons
- II. Comments and/or concerns of the members
 - a. Comments by member Dorothy James re: the reserve fund fee and the automatic 3% annual increases in membership dues. No votes will be taken at the meeting to change the bylaws in regards to these assessments.
- III. Unfinished business, including discussion and action, if needed
- IV. New Business, including discussion and action, if needed.
 - A. Election of board members
 1. Nomination from the floor
 2. Introduction of nominees.
 3. Voting
 4. Results of Election
- V. Adjournment.

A note from the Secretary;

-In order to save time at the annual meeting, most reports from the board will be submitted in writing and included in the June newsletter or distributed at the meeting.

The LAPOA Bylaws Article V contains our Membership Meeting voting rights and procedures.

-Members should be aware that voting is restricted to members in good standing.

-Voting by proxy is not allowed. Voting takes place at our annual Membership meeting. Absentee voting is allowed only when the board deems it necessary to mail ballots to all LAPOA members who are eligible to vote.

-Article V, Section 6 provides the procedure for electing board members. This allows eligible members to submit their absentee ballot for board members by mail. The Secretary must receive ballots at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting; or they may be turned in at the meeting provided they are in a sealed envelope with the name or names of the members casting the ballot written on the outside.

-Mary Davignon, LAPOA Secretary

Lake Arrowhead Property Owners Association

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

*****DRAFT*****

July 7, 2018

*****DRAFT*****

-The meeting was called to order by Pres. Chris Speen at 10:09 a.m.

-All board members were present.

102 members were present. We had a quorum.

-Cory Ames moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2017 Membership Meeting. Ron Race seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

-Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Judy Race prepared financial packets for the membership. She went over our current budget, financial assets, collections, and explained some of our last year's expenses. Some highlights: In 2017 we only budgeted 132,000 (82%) because we know not everyone pays on time. We billed \$161,000 and collected \$141,458 in regular assessments (87.5%). Brining was an unexpected expense. The cost of brining rose from \$3,500 and \$3,900 per application in 2016 to \$5,700 per application in 2017. We also had an outside company come in to grade our roads. In 2017 we used Reserve Funds to replace the pool heater, buy new security cameras, and purchase the Mahindra tractor. The Campground had a very good year. Their forty yearly camp sites were all filled and they purchased new picnic tables. At the end of the 2017 budget year we had a combined total of approximately \$73,000 on hand in our accounts.

For 2018: We budgeted for 85% of our members to pay their membership dues. 85% have already paid so we expect additional monies to come in. The Campground is having another good year. Membership dues income has increased over the years but gas well income is now \$50,000 less than it was ten years ago. We are gradually eliminating gas well income as a budgeted income source. Our dumpster costs have been reduced from approximately \$24,000 to \$18,000 annually. This is due to security cameras and a crackdown on illegal dumping and the gauge that helps us determine exactly when the dumpster is full and when it needs to be switched out. Judy also reported a comparison of our yearly income, expenses, and year's end balances since we began using Quickbooks in 2013.

Member Brian Elliott, questioned why office expenses were so high last year. Judy responded that we purchased new Office furniture, we had issues passing Health Department water tests (resolved) requiring us to repeat tests many times, and we had to have skunks removed from under the Office building. Cory Ames questioned the billing amounts in the report. This year we billed approximately \$165,000. At one time the county owned 102 lots in Lake Arrowhead. The county does not pay membership dues. We have been assisting Otsego County Treasurer in selling county-owned lots to Lake Arrowhead members who are in good standing. As a result of those efforts, the county now only owns 13 lots in Lake Arrowhead. We have had a reduction in the number of 1st lot owners and an increase in the number of 2nd lot owners. We get more income on 1st lots, but the county wasn't paying anything on their lots so this is a net gain for us. Currently our members have 689 primary lots and 864 secondary lots. It used to be about even. Ron Race moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Cory Ames seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

-Line of Credit: Last year members authorized Judy to obtain a line of credit that would enable us to borrow money (with board approval) in case of emergency. Judy reported that our bank only approved \$50,000 which is insufficient. She is pursuing the line of credit at other institutions.

-Collections: Judy reported that last year, the Collections Committee collected \$67,813 in previous year's assessments (2016 and prior). This really helps us to make our budget.

Lake report: Chris Speen reported that the spoils area from the dredging project has been fenced. He requested that members continue to stay out of the area. Buhl Lake will continue to be inspected for phragmites each year. If invasive phragmites are found, they will be sprayed. This is a ten year program with a grant that covers 50% of the expense. The 2018 report from AGS on the condition of our lake has been posted to the "News You Can Use" page of our website.

Forestry: Gordon Wearsh reported on the health of our maple forest along both sides of Arapaho near Hayes Tower. He walked the forest with a Gary Smolinski, a logger who inspected the forest with him and declared that it is a healthy forest that is due for another selective cut. Selective cutting will thin out the forest and give trees more sunlight and nutrients, result in a healthier forest. There is no need to replant. Maples will come up naturally and we will be leaving many young trees. There is a maple disease that is impacting maple forests in Michigan. So far our forest is free of the disease. Nearby property owned by Stuckmans had to be clear-cut to eliminate the disease. Beech trees in Michigan have blight. All mature Beech trees should be cut. Poplars over 20" in diameter should also be removed because they take up nutrients in the soil that prevents other more desirable trees to grow. Large "Heritage White Pines" that were left during the logging days will be preserved for future generations. Forest products are very valuable in Northern Michigan. The new factory in Grayling has caused an increase in demand. Member Susan Straith requested a clean-up of the broken and dead Jack Pines along Arapaho. Gordon suggested they may be useful for chips and will look into it. Member Dan Arbi questioned how much income we could expect from forest products. Gordon estimates that we could get \$1200-\$1500/acre. He is looking at harvesting approximately 75 acres.

Long Term Planning: Tom Rozycki reported that the Reserve Study has been updated this year. He explained that the Reserve Study only addresses maintaining our current infrastructure and services and does not address our future growth or making any improvements. The board would like feedback from members so that we can understand your priorities. Tom asked members to fill out the survey that was distributed at the meeting and return it to the Office by August 1st. The survey is not a vote on anything. It is just to get member's input. Additional surveys are available at the Office.

Election: There were no nominations from the floor and nominations were closed by President Chris Speen. There were four board openings and there were four nominees for those positions: Jeremy (Buddy) Pardo, Ron Race Jr., Ron Race Sr., and Carolyn Wright. The candidates with the exception of Ron Race Jr. all introduced themselves to members. Chris Speen called for a recess while ballots were cast and the votes were counted.

-Voting results:

Jeremy ("Buddy") Pardo: 90

Ron Race Jr.: 88

Ron Race Sr.: 88

Carolyn Wright: 95

- At 11:25 a.m. Chris reconvened the Membership Meeting and announced the new board. All four nominees were elected to the board for three year terms.

At 11:27 a.m. Ron Race moved to adjourn. Cory seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

Minutes submitted by Mary Davignon

LAPOA Secretary

2019 Mail in Ballot for LAPOA Board of Directors

As we go to print this year, there are four board of director positions available for three year terms. All mail-in ballots must be in the hands of the secretary twenty-four hours prior to the annual meeting, or they may be turned in at the annual meeting, sealed in an envelope with the member's name on the front. **Ballots will be distributed at the annual meeting for those casting their ballots in person. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.** Two votes will be allowed to common owners of property in Lake Arrowhead regardless of the number of lots owned. Vote for no more than **four (4)** by placing an X on the line next to the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to vote for. There may be two Xs on a line if there are two owners voting with this Mail in Ballot. **Mail your ballot to: LAPOA, Attention Election Committee, 7065 Arrowroot Trail A-3, Gaylord, MI 49735. Ballots may also be placed in the Lake Arrowhead Drop Box located at the mailboxes. You must be a member in good standing to vote. Your name must appear on the outside of the envelope so it can be verified that your assessments are paid in full.**

_____ **Mary Davignon** first began serving on the LAPOA board in 2011. Her current board responsibilities include being the Association Secretary; serving on our Collections Committee; and serving as our Communications Chairperson. That role involves producing our three annual newsletters and managing our website, Facebook and Nextdoor pages. Mary is also contracted as our part-time Office Manager. Responsibly managing our resources, working cooperatively, and keeping members informed are priorities for her. Mary and her husband Larry started out as cottagers at Lake Arrowhead in 2007, and became full time residents in 2013. May enjoys living in a beautiful community where neighbors help each other and work together to provide a safe, clean environment for all to enjoy.

-Mary was nominated by Judy Race

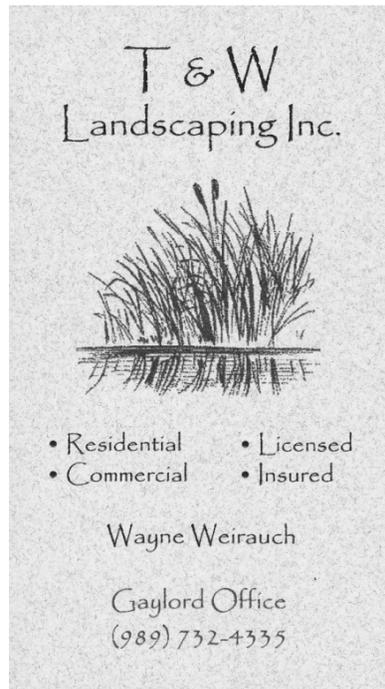
_____ **Judy Race** has been the LAPOA Treasurer and Accounting Agent and chair of the Collection Committee for the past 6 years. Collections, budgeting, and finding ways to cut costs are very important to her. She has lived in Lake Arrowhead since retiring from Comerica Bank/Securities in 2014. She worked for Comerica for 27 years, mostly as management in securities and insurance. Judy has been coming up to Lake Arrowhead since 1974, camping for many years before building a house in 2003. In 2015 they built their retirement home on the lake across the street from their grandchildren. Judy enjoys golfing, boating, and most of all just spending time at the lake with her grandchildren and family. Judy is dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the LAPOA amenities for the enjoyment of all for many years to come.

-Judy was nominated by Gary Fuller

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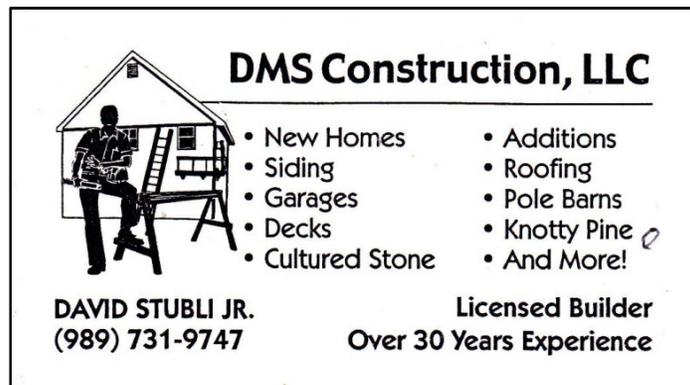
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