

Lake Arrowhead News

Winter-Spring 2012

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Contact info for board members is on the web site: www.lapoa.com.



Dates of Board Meetings and Special Events

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

Internet Access-

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. Last 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.



Facebook-

A Facebook page has been established for members to share photos and thoughts! Please send an email or a Facebook message to all your friends and have them go to Lake Arrowhead and click on "Like".



Parks and Recreation-

The Parks are quiet, still asleep for the winter but our members are still enjoying the beauty of Lake Arrowhead.

Soon Spring will arrive and we will be busy again with our Spring clean up and the on-going painting projects that keep our buildings and equipment pristine.

We have a new picnic table to place in the park. I would appreciate some feed- back from members this summer on whether or not you like it. Your input will be considered when making future purchases.

Lake water levels are still very low. Exercise care when boating, skiing etc. When wading, be aware that although the water may be shallow, the silt may be quite deep.

The LAPOA Board is still in the process of gathering information to see what can be done to raise the lake levels.

Anita Wheaton
Parks, Recreation, Lakes & Safety



Campground-

The Campground will once again open on May 1st. Providing the weather cooperates, the site water will be turned on May 15th. You can never tell in the spring of the year what Mother Nature is going to give us.

I want to ask all that who have used the Campground over the last year and a half to do ME a favor if you would- Please tell Eva and Dale Davidson what a great job they are doing and how wonderful our Bathhouse and Grounds are being kept up! Also, thank Jim and Sharon Morris, and Marcia Schick for helping do all sorts of jobs when we needed extra help and when they just wanted to do that "little bit" of adding to our Campground. It's the unseen jobs and extra help that make it the best Campground! It is truly a "Team Effort" that makes the Campground what it is.

Come out and Camp with us and you will see for yourself....

Thanks for being part of it LAPAO..

Gordie Wearsch



Quote of the Day:

"If you think you might need a permit, you probably do."

Kyle Stubli

Forestry Project-

Update on the Forestry Project. As you can probably see, we didn't do any cutting on the NW corner of the common ground this winter. The contract with Stuckman fell through and there wasn't enough time to find another logger that I was comfortable with to log this winter. We are shooting for a late summer time cut with a new logger. They will not be "Trucking" through the Subdivision but will be using a adjacent northern property to run logs and equipment in and out of LAPOA.

Gordie Wearsch

Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall....

The beauty and fun last all year long. Soon we will be planting, installing docks, and enjoying the pool and the lake sans ice! The pool is scheduled to be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, weather permitting.



Native plants: Trees, shrubs, and flowers may be purchased at the Otsego County Conservation District. See www.otsego.org/conservationdistrict for varieties, prices, and dates of sales. The Conservation District also has great advice for pollution and erosion prevention.

Quick tips: Maintaining plants on hillsides and shorelines provides natural beauty and helps to prevent silt from entering our lakes. Avoid fertilizing lawns. Run-off encourages algae. If you must have a beach, use only part of your waterfront. Try cutting rather than uprooting plants and naturalize at least some of your shoreline! If we all do our part we will all enjoy a healthier and more natural lake.



In case you missed it:

Trick or Treat!



At Lake Arrowhead Trick or Treating is normally done in the afternoon on the Saturday before Halloween. ATV's with trailers take the children throughout all the subdivisions. Last Fall, on a beautiful, sunny day, 75-90 children participated!



The Halloween Party was held at the maintenance facility with plenty of food, drinks, and games.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

On February 28, 2012 the assessment bills were mailed for 1572 lots which are owned by 731 members. Last year's payments were up from last year by 2%. Members paid assessments on 1330 lots of the 1572 lots billed for the 2011-2012 year with 84.6% being paid.

Assessments

March first is the beginning of the Association's fiscal year and therefore the bills for the assessments for 2012-2013 have been mailed. The assessments are \$110 for the first lot and \$70 for each additional lot. When a member owns more than one house (which includes a well and septic system) each of these lots will be billed the same as a first lot. This was a by-law change made by the members at the July 2010 annual meeting.

Your lot number shown on the bill shows a four digit number. The first number represents the subdivision your lot is located in. Arrow Shores is 1, Indian Hills is 2, Okemos Trails is 3, Southern Trails is 4, Tuscola Trails is 5 and Arenac Trails is 6.

Please enclose the stub at the left side of your statement to help us to correctly record your payment. There will be a 10% penalty charged against your unpaid balance on any assessments not paid by June 15, 2012 as is stated in the by-laws. This penalty will remain on your account until paid. A bill showing the penalty will be mailed to you after June fifteenth.

Buying or selling a lot?

Be aware that if you have purchased or sold a lot, the deed must be registered with the Otsego County Register of Deeds within six months of the sale. You must also file a property transfer affidavit with Hayes Township within 45 day of the transfer. Financial penalties of up to \$200 may be charged for failure to file this affidavit. Also be sure to inform the Association of the name and address of the new owner when you sell a lot so we can keep our records up to date and you will not be sent an assessment bill for a lot you no longer own. The registering of the deed is also how Hayes Township knows who to send the property taxes to. Do not risk losing your property to the State for non payment of taxes. You can inform the Association of a change in ownership by calling the office at 231-585-7411 and leaving a message, sending a fax to the same number or sending a note to the Association address.

Financial Committee: Anita Wheaton, Dana Stubli and Gary & Sue Fuller

AGENDA FOR THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Any member who has a subject they would like to place before the membership must be on the agenda which is printed in the June Newsletter. Any member desiring to place a request before the annual meeting, July 7, 2012, must present the request in writing and mail it to: Sue Ann Fuller, Secretary, 7065 Arrowroot Trail A-3, Gaylord, Michigan 49735. The request must be received no later than May first.

APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 3 of our By-laws, the application for nomination to the Board of Directors is enclosed in this newsletter. There are four (4) positions available each one is for three years. There are five scheduled board meetings per year as set by Article VIII, Section 9c of the By-laws. These meetings are set for the months of February, May, July, August and October. Special board meetings may also be called when necessary. Board members are required by the By-laws, Article 8, Section 10, to attend at least three of the five regular meetings or the board can vote to replace the member. Your name must appear as an owner on a deed of one of the lots in the Association to be eligible to be a board member. This application must be in the hands of the secretary no later than **May 1, 2012**. Mail the application to Sue Ann Fuller, Secretary, 7065 Arrowroot Trail A-3, Gaylord, Michigan 49735.

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

NAME OF MEMBER BEING NOMINATED: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PERSONAL RESUME: _____

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER MAKING THE NOMINATION: _____