

Lake Arrowhead News

Winter-Spring 2013

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

LAPOA is on Facebook.

Post your photos and news events that
are of interest to fellow members.



**Dates of Board Meetings and Special
Events**

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.

LAPOA Office Building

7065 Arrowroot Trail

Gaylord, MI 49735

231-585-7411

Please notify us of changes of address,
phone numbers, property ownership,
and email addresses.

Pool Position

Lake Arrowhead Property Owner's Association is currently accepting applications for the **2013 Pool Manager position**. This is a paid position. Interested persons should submit their letter of interest and current resume to the board office. Applications must be received no later than Thursday February 28, 2013.

We will accept offers for full or partial coverage. In other words, if a member is interested in only covering the responsibilities on a part-time basis, i.e. 25% or 50%, let us know as I may be able to partner up a couple members for a shared contract.

Any questions or concerns, please contact me at 248-686-6159 or RRaceSr@aol.com.

Thanks everyone.

Ron Race



Cell Phone Service:

ATT has upgraded its service in and around Lake Arrowhead. Smart phones should work in most areas around the lake. There is no news about updates by other wireless providers.



Lake Update

Winter is in full swing, and looks like we may come close to our normal precipitation this winter. I want to provide our members an update about where we stand in regards to our lake. We have been working hard at gathering more information, obtaining quotes for strategic dredging, completing permit applications, and working with Applied Geotechnical services. I am very pleased to announce that after the better part of two years of preparation, we are finally in a position to present the much anticipated information to the membership. Much work went into getting us to this point, and I am very excited to share our findings with you along with recommendations for improving our desirable community. I look forward to seeing all of you at the July meeting. Thank you.

Chris Speen



Lake Arrowhead Lots are Available

Have you been thinking about adding to your property? Maybe a friend or family member would like to become a property owner? Perhaps a co-worker may be interested? If you have been considering a garden, garage, shop, or would just like to have a little more outdoor room to enjoy nature, I can help. Chris Frey here, your LAPOA Real Estate Chairperson, and I have real estate deals for you. Your small investment now could pay off in the future!

Now is the perfect time to call me about your future plans to expand your property. Check out www.lapoa.com and click on "real estate" for a complete listing of lots for sale.

Real Estate Chairperson
Chris Frey
248.521.0525
Chrisfreyd@aol.com

Internet Access:

The Waters Inn now provides 60 daily minutes of complementary internet service at the pavilion and around the big lake. Additional time can be purchased for a modest fee.



Parks and Recreation

As I said at the recent board meeting, "The Parks are sleeping." Spring clean-up will be very busy because of all the downed branches from the heavy snow storm.

A new picnic table will be installed near the swing sets to replace the one that was stolen. It will be mounted in with cement, like the one by the pool area.

Fence painting will continue, as you would say, "to keep our area looking pristine".

Anita Wheaton





Campground News

Well with the new snow that Gaylord just got as I write this, it seems like winter is going to hold on just a little while longer. With the season still 3 months out, there isn't a whole lot to report. Everything is good.... We are considering adding a porch to the front of the bathhouse. Several campers have said that seems like a good idea. Give either Eva or me some input on that please. I wish I had more but things are going so well in the Campground that I just don't have anything! See you all in May!

Gordie Wearsch- Campground
Chairman



There is no such thing as "too cold" - just inappropriate clothing!!!



Did you know?

Did you know that it costs our association \$700 each time our dumpster is emptied?

Did you know that it is emptied approximately 25 times each year?

Did you know that recycling is coming this spring to Otsego County?

Preliminary plans are to have five recycling centers at convenient locations throughout the county. One location will be in Waters, an easy stop for all of you who are heading south.

If we all make an effort to reduce our consumption, repurpose, recycle, and reuse "still good" items, we can shrink our environmental footprint and be good stewards of our communities' financial resources.

Conservation information and links are available through the Otsego County Soil and Conservation District. Check out their website:

<http://www.otsego.org/conservationdistrict/>

Be sure to visit the demonstration gardens this summer. They are a treat!

Newsletter submitted by Mary Davignon.
Keep reading. There's more.....

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

As of February 1st the assessments paid are up 2% over last year. The books for the 2012-13 fiscal year are closed on February 28th. The bills for the 2012-14 assessments will be mailed at the end of February. Remember that the members voted at the July membership meeting to raise the penalty to \$50 per lot for each lot that has an unpaid balance on June 16th. The assessments must reach the office no later than June 15th to avoid the penalty.

Assessments

March first is the beginning of the Association's fiscal year and therefore the bills for the assessments for 2013-2014 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.

Buying or selling a lot?

Be aware that if you have purchased or sold a lot, the deed should 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 6, 2013, 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.

