



GREATER WALL LAKE ASSOCIATION

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www.geocities.com/gwla2006



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Welcome

Signs of Spring, Daffodils, high water, warmer temperatures. SUMMER IS COMING!

Newsletter Information:

Published Quarterly in February, May, August and November.

- **Newsletter via email.**
Let us know if you're interested.
☺ We will gladly mail to multiple email accounts!!
o Please send email to: bwiersma@kresanet.org requesting electronic format.
- **ALSO Available ONLINE** at: <http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/> select Board Information Page.

New Residents

- Do you have **new neighbors**? Please put them in touch with your nearest GWLA Board member (list below), so we can get them a "Welcome to Wall Lake" booklet and add them to the newsletter list. This and additional information can be found on the GWLA web site.
<http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/>

GWLA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Greater Wall Lake Association has been scheduled at the Hope Township Hall on Saturday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m.. Coffee and rolls will be available, along with time to meet Board members, neighbors and new friends beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Wall Lake Featured in Riparian Magazine

The August 2009 issue of the Michigan Riparian will feature both a picture of Wall Lake on the cover and an article about the lake. If you are a paid GWLA member, look for this issue in your mailbox this August.

Keep Us Up To Date

Have you recently changed your mailing address, email address or any other pertinent information that would keep us from getting important information to you? Please remember to keep GWLA current with your information. Each time we send a mailing or e-mail-ing, we have several returned to us as undeliverable.

Keep us informed at GWLA PO Box 56 Delton MI 49046, by email TRAustin2@aol.com or bwiersma@kresanet.org.

Township Cleanup Day(s)

Township Spring Cleanup day will be held: **Saturday May 16, 2009**, Barry Township Hall Starts 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. (or when dumpsters are filled).

Saturday May 30, 2009 Hazardous waste drop-off at the Fairgrounds (M37 north of Hastings). Also collecting old medications this year. No Electronics accepted.

GWLA Web Site

<http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/> Find additional information regarding Wall Lake on our website. Newsletters are great, but we can get you much faster, more complete information on the Web. Please check the URL above, to keep up with what is happening. Also watch these pages for updates on information found in this newsletter.

Seagulls and Boat Hoists

I received this suggestion from a resident, regarding how to keep your boat hoist cover free of birds and leftovers. Apparently it works at Houghton Lake and was also tried here at Wall Lake last summer.

At each end of the top cover a small stick or pole is vertically attached, connecting the two poles is light (~6 lb monofilament fishing line). The fishing line should be down the center of the shore station about 18" above the top. The bird can not see the line when trying to land and they fly into it. They leave and do not return.

Web Sites you might wish to visit:

The Official State of Michigan Web Site <http://michigan.gov>

Department of Environmental Quality
<http://michigan.gov/deq/>

Protecting Michigan's Inland Lakes and Streams: http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313_3681---,00.html

Department of Natural Resources
<http://michigan.gov/dnr/>

Boating rules & safety are available at: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365_10884---,00.html
<http://boat-ed.com/mi/handbook/>

Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Milfoil
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/btaccess_23113_7.pdf
<http://el.erdc.usace.army.mil/zebra/>

Local Websites:

<http://www.delton-mi.com/>
<http://www.barrycounty.org/>

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Help Save Our Lake:

Fertilizer

Don't use it!! If you feel that you must, select a (Phosphorus, (middle number) = Zero

Spider control

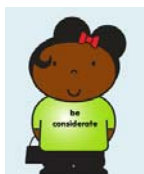
Grand Rapids Pest Control comes out yearly to spray many homes for spiders and other household pests. If you are interested in having your home sprayed, please contact them directly at (616) 784-2888

Warnings –

Milfoil – clean any small traces from hidden areas of your boat and trailer before entering the lake.

Zebra Mussel – empty all bilge, fish tanks and flush motor water pumps with clean water

Other boats on lake – If you allow visitors to launch boats on the lake, remind them of the laws and common courtesy!



Be Considerate

- Bright lights shining over the lake
- Personal Watercraft hours
8:00 am until 1 hour BEFORE sunset
- Noise / Parties quiet after 11:00 p.m.
- Boaters not knowing / following boating laws
- Sound travels great distances across the water
- Dropping trash / cans into the lake
- Fishermen (groups) coming to the lake – must have permits from the DNR

SAVE THE DATE



June 6 - Pastries on the Porch 7:00 p.m.
hosted by your Board at Vandervoorts (M-43 & Walldorff Rd corner)

June 13 - GWLA Annual Meeting 9:30 a.m.

June 13 & 14 – Free Fishing weekend in Michigan

July 4 - Annual Boat Parade 10:00 a.m.

Decorate your boat and join us at the point.

Senior Meal Program

The Senior MEAL Choice Program was created to supplement the availability of meals served by the Barry County Commission on Aging (COA) to senior citizens. On Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Bowen's Family Dining will be serving a special menu to seniors. Six meal credits per card, requested donation \$2.00 per meal total \$12.00. Call COA 948-4856 for details and cards. Age 60 and older are eligible. Web site:

<http://www.barrycounty.org/health-and-community/commission-on-aging/senior-meal-choice-program/>

Questionnaire

Thanks to everyone who replied to the questionnaire sent out in the February newsletter. We will tally responses and see what we can do to make Wall Lake a better place to live and visit!!

NOTICE The Hope Township Board re-installed the recycle bin at the hall. Use only for re-cycle.

“Please do not use the bins for trash.”

From the GWLA Board:

Dues have been lowered! For 2009, your Board has decided to lower the dues from \$35.00 to \$25.00. We hope that this will encourage more residents to join our Lake Association. Please help us spread the word to everyone you see, especially to neighbors. Dues run Jan 1 to Dec 31 and as of today we already have 99 paid members for '09. Please help us set new records of membership by contacting neighbors and acquaintances around the lake and encouraging full participation from everyone. Use the form below when you send your dues.

DUES Your DUES are used for:

Printing & postage	Trash pick up
Riparian magazine (members)	GWLA liability insurance
Mich. Lake & Stream Assoc. Dues	Annual meeting expenses
Dam Survey (Every third year)	Newsletters and Mailings
Ballots and Nomination	Various Projects as decided yearly, by the Board

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2009 Dues

Enclosed are my dues for \$25.00 _____ Check # _____

Membership is Jan 1 to Dec 31 each year.

Cut out, Mail to GWLA PO Box 56 Delton MI 49046

Your Name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____-_____

Lake Address _____

To get information to you in a timely manner we request your

E-mail Address _____

e-mail may be used to send important news, newsletters, and other GWLA information as well as to save postage expense.

____ Please send newsletter via email

NEW ITEMS

Yes No Please continue sending the Riparian Magazine

Yes No Please include this information in a Wall Lake Resident Directory

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Wall Lake Management Update - 2009.

In 2007 a whole lake treatment using Sonar A.S. was conducted for control of Eurasian watermilfoil on Wall Lake. That treatment was successful in providing lake-wide Eurasian watermilfoil control. In 2008, spot treatments were conducted only in areas where Eurasian watermilfoil re-growth had occurred. Treatments in 2008 were minimal. At the end of 2008, Eurasian watermilfoil was found at less than 1% cumulative cover on Wall Lake. Water quality was also monitored again in 2008. In summary, water quality parameters were in normal ranges. There was an increase in Phosphorus from spring to fall (8 ug/L to 74 ug/L). This is not an indication of deteriorating conditions. These differences are a result of how the samples are collected. In the spring, the sample is a well mixed surface sample. In the fall, the sample is collected from deep water. Phosphorus is expected to be much higher in the deep, cold water where oxygen is low. Readings taken at the surface would have been much lower.

For 2009 we anticipate a similar treatment protocol. PLM will be on Wall Lake every 3-4 weeks to inspect conditions and spot treat any areas where Eurasian watermilfoil is found (see 2009 tentative treatment schedule and notice). It has been two years since Sonar A.S. has been applied to Wall Lake and we anticipate that we may see more Eurasian watermilfoil in 2009. Algae will also be treated when and where it becomes problematic. Since algae growth is dependant on environmental factors (weather and nutrient inputs), treatments will most likely occur on an as needed basis. Water quality will again be monitored in 2009.



2009 Tentative Treatment Dates

PLM Lake & Land Management
 P.O. Box 132
 Caledonia, MI 49316
 616-891-1294
 Fax 616-891-0371
 www.plmcorp.net

1. Please review the scheduled date(s) and types of treatment(s) listed below.
2. DEQ permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the tentative treatment dates and cause these dates to change. On the day of treatment, your lake frontage will be posted and any restrictions that apply will be listed.

Wall Lake has been scheduled for the week of:

Week Of	Type of Treatment	Week Of	Type of Treatment
4/6/09	Water Quality	7/6/09	Spot Weed, Algae, & E.coli
5/4/09	Survey	8/3/09	Spot Weed & Algae Optional
5/18/09	Weed & Algae	8/24/09	AVAS & Water Quality
6/15/09	Spot Weed & Algae		

The property owners in this area are planning to have the waters chemically treated to control lake weeds and/or algae. This notice is being circulated in accordance with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) procedures. A permit for the treatment has either been secured or will be secured from the DEQ before the work is begun.

We treat each lake according to a schedule or season plan, established with the cooperation of your lake association, lake board or residents on the lake. Due to the uncertainty of weather, the treatment schedule is approximate. Please watch your shoreline for the posting of the 8.5x11 inch, yellow, red or green signs. The signs will indicate the date of the treatment, the products used, and any restrictions on the use of treated water for swimming, watering lawns, etc.. One or more treatments involving water restrictive products may be applied. There may be spot treating of vegetation involving water restrictive products throughout the summer.

In the event that you see us spraying for algae control with copper based products, signs may be posted stating there is no restrictions. The purpose of this requirement by the DEQ is to let you know that we treated your waters and there are no restrictions. The signs used for algae treatments will be "Green" and the signs for restrictive products will be "Yellow" or "Red". Please be aware that only products approved by the State of Michigan and the Federal government are being used. We have experienced **no adverse effects on people, fish, wildlife or domestic pets since applying these products**. We anticipate using one or more of the products listed below. Please read the restrictions. Again, the restrictions that apply to the products actually used in a particular treatment will be found on the signs posted on the day of treatment.

When more than one product is used, the most strict, longest limits will be posted. These restrictions are designed to allow for the safe use of these products. Please do not encourage anyone to use the waters while these restrictions apply.

If you have any questions please contact us during office hours. (8:00 am 4:00 pm M-F)

The X indicates what product and restrictions may apply to your water body.

X	PRODUCT/ACTIVE INGREDIENT	RESTRICTION
X	Navigate, Aquakleen/ 2,4-D	24 -hour restriction on swimming Irrigation of lawns, grasses, and turf – NO RESTRICTION Irrigation of crop, non-crop, & ornamentals – indefinite unless assay indicates 100 ppb or less Potable water – indefinite unless assay indicates less than 70 ppb
X	Renovate 3, OTF/ Trichlopyr	24 -hour restriction on swimming Irrigation of established lawns & grasses – NO RESTRICTION Irrigation of ornamentals, crops, and non-crops – 120 days or until assay indicates a non-detectable level
X	Reward/ Diquat dibromide	24 -hour restriction on swimming 1 -day animal consumption of treated water 3 -day restriction of domestic water use and irrigation of turf & ornamentals 5 -day restriction on crop irrigation
X	Hydrothol 191/ Dimethylalkylamine salt of Endothol Aquathol K/ Dipotassium salt of Endothol	24 -hour restriction on swimming 14 -day restriction for irrigation, agricultural sprays, & domestic purposes
	Sonar A.S., Sonar P.R., Sonar S.R.P., Sonar Q, Avast/ Fluridone	24 -hour restriction on swimming 7 -day restriction on established tree crops 30 -day restrictions on irrigation of crops, turf, plants, seedbeds, or areas to be planted. (Please refer to website for restriction updates)
X	Nautique/ copper carbonate Komeen/ copper as elemental	24 -hour swimming restriction
X	Shade/ water dye – tracer Copper Sulfate/ Pentahydrate Cutrine Plus-Ultra, Captain, Algimycin, Earthtec, Formula F-30/ copper as elemental Cygnet Plus/ D,1-limonene & alcohol ethoxylated fatty alcohol PolyAn/ anionic poly acrylamide polymer AquaPrep/ enzymes & non-ionic surfactants Nutrisorb/ gram negative, naturally occurring bacteria	NO RESTRICTIONS
	Green Clean Pro, Phycomycin/ sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate	24 -hour swimming restriction
	Shade/ water dye – treatment	24 -hour swimming restriction
	Aquapro, Rodeo / Glyphosate	24 -hour swimming restriction
	Habitat/Imazapyr	24-hour swimming restriction 120-day restriction for irrigation or until assay indicates a level of 1ppb or less
	Clearcast/Imazamox	24-hour swimming restriction 1-day irrigation restriction

Certified Applicators: Jason Broekstra, Jaimee Conroy, Bre Grabill, Dusty Grabill, Steve Hanson, Jake Hunt, Nate Karsten, Dani Maxey, Pat McLamara, Stephanie Mervau, Casey Mickelson, Audrey Miller, Lucas Slagel, Jeff Tolan, Andy Tomaszewski, Jake Ware