



# Greater Wall Lake Association

P.O. Box 56  
Delton Michigan 49046



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## Welcome

After a cool, wet spring, summer has arrived.

**Newsletter Information: Published Quarterly** in February, May, August and November.

- **Many members have already chosen to accept the newsletter via email.** Let us know if interested.
  - ☺ We will gladly mail to multiple email accounts!!
    - Please send an email to: [bwiersma@kresanet.org](mailto:bwiersma@kresanet.org) requesting electronic format.
- **ALSO Available ONLINE** at: <http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/> then 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. These and additional information can be found on the GWLA web site. <http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/>
- **Reminder** -Please use "P.O. Box 56" for all GWLA correspondence – Thank You!

**Found after a summer storm:** a tube/board-type thing washed up on the north shore if you are missing this type of item, please call and describe to Paul / Jane Holman 623-8400.

## From the GWLA Board:

**Bylaws Committee:** A final draft of changes to our GWLA bylaws was approved by the Membership. Copy is available to download on the Web page under GWLA Board Information.

## 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-mailing, we have several returned to us as un-deliverable. Keep us informed at GWLA PO Box 56 Delton MI 49046, by email [TRAustin2@aol.com](mailto:TRAustin2@aol.com) or [bwiersma@kresanet.org](mailto:bwiersma@kresanet.org).

**GWLA Annual Meeting:** The 2008 GWLA annual meeting was held on June 14, 2008 at Hope Twp Hall.

- 153 members (6/14/08).
- Results of Board Election were Bob Cove, Bob Vanderveen, Doug Drenth, Bill Wiersma, Tom Schaberg, Dan Hills, Terry Dieke, Judy Sivak
- Thank-You to out-going board members: Maury Benton, Joy Dunham, Sandy Hubbell
- Vote on Membership dues for 2009
  - Board proposes \$25.00 (down from 2008)
- Thanks to individuals for putting out the rock markers Tom Schaberg (point), Tom Monroe (cove)
- Two speakers gave presentations:
  - **Capt Bill Johnson** of the Barry County Sherriff Marine Division discussed Water Safety & Boating Laws
    - a. The Dept. patrols Wall Lake 15-20 hours per year on average.
    - b. Riparians are encouraged to contact the Sherriff Dept. if they have an issue/conflict with someone.
    - c. Capt. Johnson promoted Boater Safety courses for children and adults alike. The Dept. will provide a class at Wall Lake with a minimum of 15 participants or noted a class offered at Shady Shores Resort, Gun Lake 9-3p.m. last Sat. in June.
    - d. Capt. Johnson recommended locking up boats and padlocking gas tanks due to recent thefts occurring on several area lakes.
    - e. Register all boats (even if non-powered) so they can track it if a boat does get stolen.
    - f. Permits are required for buoys; Sherriff Dept. receives a copy.
    - g. Boaters must stay 100' away from buoys or use slow/no wake speed
    - h. PWC's: persons must be at least 14 years old to drive a PWC; Boaters Safety course and certificate are required.
    - i. Fishing: boaters must stay 100' away from fishing boats or use slow/no wake speed
    - J. Sunset Rules: Water skiers may ski up to one hour AFTER sunset; PWC's may operate up to one hour BEFORE sunset.
  - **Andy Tomaszewski** from Professional Lake Management gave an update on the conditions of Wall Lake
    - a. PLM reported some milfoil noted in the S.E. corner channels and along the west edge of the lake which they spot-treated in the Spring.
    - b. Algae is reported to be a common occurrence in lakes year after year
    - c. Other invasive weed species were highlighted to include: Kabamba (noted in other Barry Co. lakes) and Hydrilla which is a highly aggressive weed not yet found in Michigan Lakes (Noted in FL, GA, OH/IN).
    - d. Emphasis on washing down and drying boats prior to re-entering Wall Lake if they have been in other lakes.

Bill Wiersma –**President** 623-2672

Julie Vandervoort –**Secretary** 623-8540

**North / West Side Reps:** Dick Fluke 623-2504; Bob Vander Veen; 623-5009, Doug Drenth 623-6648; Jim Wiswell 623-8773; Sandi Monroe 623-4705.

**South / East Side Reps:** Ralph Krueger 623-4178 ; Tom Schaberg 623-5357; Dan Hills 623-8989; Ev Kuizema 623-5102  
Nancy Cotant Burroughs 623-5592; Terry Dieke 623-3732; Judy Sivak 623-3568.

Alan Freid - **Vice President** 623-5445

Bob Cove – **Treasurer** 623-2041

- e. Andy reported Professional Lake Management will be back out to investigate/treat Wall Lake in two weeks.
- f. If problems/concerns are noted, please go through Dan Hills, our contact person for PLM

**GWLA Web Site**

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

**On / Near the Lake**

**Near Tragedy Averted:** Over the long July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend a pontoon boat noticed something strange in the waters off the point and went over to check. They found two young men with a swamped kayak exhausted in very deep waters. Apparently the wake from a speed boat hit them, and a second swamped the kayak. Both were strong swimmers, one even a lifeguard, but they felt they may not have made it to shore. Both were extremely happy the pontoon spotted them. NOTE: Please caution your guests regarding wake from large power boats and lifejacket use.

**Trash Clean-up:** GWLA has joined with Hope Township for a **Clean-up Day Oct 4th** from 10 am. to 3 pm. Dumpsters will be located at the Barry Twp Fire Station in Delton where you may drop off items too large for regular trash pickup.

Barry County **hazardous waste** drop-off at the fair grounds is being held on the same day **Oct 4th** starting at 10 am.

**NOTICE** The Hope Township Board re-installed the recycle bin at the hall.  
 "Please do not use the bins for trash."

**IT'S THE LAW:** According to the Barry County Sherriff website, the laws will be changing regarding personal watercraft. Also required boater safety courses for operating any type of watercraft.

Check out their website at: <http://www.barrysheriff.com/>

**Reminder – 2008 Membership**

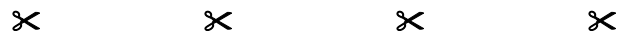
Your \$35.00 Dues for 2008 are due and payable beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. Payable to GWLA and mailed to PO Box 56 Delton MI 49046. Form below.



**For your information:**

**Your DUES are used for:**

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|---|---------------------------|
| Printing & postage                        | Trash days – twice yearly |
| Riparian magazine                         | GWLA liability insurance  |
| Mich. Lakes & Streams Assoc. Dues         | Annual meeting expenses   |
| Dam Survey Every third year               | Newsletters and Mailings  |
| Ballots and Nomination information        |                           |
| Various Projects as decided, by the Board |                           |



**Enclosed are my dues** for \$35.00 \_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Websites** worth visiting regarding care of the lake, laws you may need to know and more:

**Boating rules & safety** are available at:

[http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365\\_10884---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365_10884---,00.html)

<http://boat-ed.com/mi/handbook/>

**Have a Great Remainder of Summer !!** - Your Board