



# Greater Wall Lake Association

P. O. Box 56  
Delton Michigan 49046



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## Welcome

Winter was here for a few weeks, then fall (or spring) decided it was time to return. Now it looks like we may be into real winter for a while. Valentines Day is coming so spring can not be far behind.

## Newsletter Information:

- **Many members have already chosen to accept the newsletter via email.**  
 We will gladly mail to multiple email accounts!!
  - Please send an email to: [bwiersma@kresanet.org](mailto:bwiersma@kresanet.org) if you would consider receiving electronic format of the newsletter instead of printed and mailed.
- **NEW– Available now ONLINE** – you can download a copy of current and back issues of the newsletter from the Greater Wall Lake Association Web page at: <http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/> then select archives and links.
- **Newsletter is Published Quarterly** in February, May, August and November.

## 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 utilize "P.O. Box 56" for all GWLA correspondence – Thank-You!

## Reminder – 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 may be found on back page of this newsletter

### For your information:

**Your DUES are used for:**

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| Printing & postage                               | Trash days - 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 yearly, by the Board |                          |

## From the GWLA Board:

**Bylaws Committee:** A final draft of changes to our GWLA bylaws was approved by your Board. Mostly updates allowing electronic communication and minor revisions. Membership vote will be held at the 2008 annual meeting. Copy will be available to download on the Web page under GWLA Board Information in late May.

**GWLA Annual Meeting:** The 2008 GWLA annual meeting will be held on June 14, 2008 at Hope Twp Hall. Coffee - 9:30, Meeting promptly at 10:00 a.m. We plan on approximately 1 ½ hour meeting length. Please bring your neighbors and join us.

**NEW Board Members Encouraged:** Please consider running for a seat on the GWLA board for 2008. Terms are two years, approximately 4-5 meetings per year on mutually acceptable evenings. Contact current board members or send us a note if you are willing to have your name placed on the ballot.

**Trash Pickup:** Another drop-off day is planned for this spring. Watch the GWLA website for dates and times.

Hope, Barry and Prairieville townships have recently begun to have trash drop-off days at the Barry Township fire barn spring and fall. GWLA will contribute to these trash collections.



## Ice

- **Safety:** the traditional warning – **STAY OFF THE ICE** until at least 4 inches have formed over the entire lake, 6 to 8 inches are needed for snow vehicles.
- **Ice** has been VERY questionable so far this year.
- **Courtesy:** please keep snow vehicles off ice skating rinks. Stay well out from shore so everyone can enjoy their favorite ice sports.

Bill Wiersma –**President** 623-2672

Julie Vandervoort -**Secretary** 623-8540

**North / West Side Reps:** Dick Fluke 623-2504; Maury Benton 623-3890; Bob Cove 623-2041; Bob Vander Veen; 623-5009  
Jim Wiswell 623-8773; Sandi Monroe 623-4705.

**South / East Side Reps:** Ralph Krueger 623-4178 ; Tom Schaberg 623-5357; Alan Freid 623-5445;

Nancy Cotant Burroughs 623-5592; Joy Dunham 623-4688; Sandy Hubbell 623-8494.

Dan Hills - **Vice President** 623-8989

Ev Kuizema – **Treasurer** 623-5102

### On / Near the Lake

It's nearly that time of year again when we can look forward to plants and trees budding, snow and ice disappearing, and grass growing. It is time for the annual reminder:

#### Fertilizer

Save our lake – **don't use it!!** And if you feel that you must, please be sure that the Phosphorus, middle number = **Zero**. Michigan naturally has a high Phosphorus level and using it only causes more to run into our precious lake and add to lake weed growth!! Please **RESPECT THE LAKE!!**

### GWLA Web Site

<http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/>



#### Greater Wall Lake Web Site:

The GWLA Web site is updated and running. We are planning to keep it that way and request input from our members on what you wish to see.

<http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/>

Below are Statistics from our first 8 months of the Greater Wall Lake internet presence.

[www.geocities.com/gwla2006](http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/)

**These pages have been viewed a total of 386 times.**

| Web Pages                                   | Counter | View Statistics       |
|---|---------|-----------------------|
| <a href="#">Board Page</a>                  | 29      | <a href="#">Stats</a> |
| <a href="#">Environmental Concerns Page</a> | 0       | <a href="#">Stats</a> |
| <a href="#">Lake Groups Page</a>            | 0       | <a href="#">Stats</a> |
| <a href="#">General Information Page</a>    | 39      | <a href="#">Stats</a> |
| <a href="#">Safety Page</a>                 | 12      | <a href="#">Stats</a> |
| <a href="#">archiveslinks Page</a>          | 14      | <a href="#">Stats</a> |
| <a href="#">Main Page</a>                   | 146     | <a href="#">Stats</a> |

Total: **386**

Currently included on the Web Pages:

[General Information](#) – about community, area map and welcome booklet

[Lake Social Groups / Activities](#) – groups and activity around the lake where you can meet new friends.

[GWLA Board Information](#) – downloads of meeting minutes, current newsletter, general board related information.

[Archives and Links](#) – previous newsletters, links to other web sites, emergency information.

[Safety](#) - items related to lake safety and Michigan law

[Environmental Issues](#) – items related to keeping our lake healthy, beautiful and more.

### Fish Stories

In our last few issues, we invited riparian's to provide stories about their time at the lake. If you have a story that you are willing to share, recent, historical, hysterical, please send it to me at [bwiersma@kresanet.org](mailto:bwiersma@kresanet.org) or postal mail to GWLA PO Box 56 Delton MI 49046. I will gladly put it into final form or edit if needed. Stories should be approximately 500 words, more or less is fine.

### CORRECTED Information from Hope Township

Phone (269) 948-2464 Fax 9269) 948-4646

#### Office Hours:

**Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer** – Monday 4-6 pm., Tuesday 8-10 a.m., Wednesday Noon - 2:00 p.m. Other days, call to see if someone is available.

**Zoning** – Mon. 4:00 – 6:00, Wed 1:00 – 3:00, Thur. 8:00 – 10:00

**Building** - Mon. 4:00 – 6:00, Wed 12:00 – 2:00, Thur. 8:00 – 10:00

**Transfer Station Hours:** November – April – Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### 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 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).

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

Cut out,  
Mail to GWLA PO Box 56 Delton MI \_\_\_\_\_ or to  
Everett Kuizema 9468 Lakeview Dr. 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**

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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

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**Hoping for an Early Spring !!** - Your Board