



# Greater Wall Lake Association

P.O. Box 56  
Delton Michigan 49046



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## Welcome

Spring has arrived, ice went out April 3, loons, geese, ducks and more are returning

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

- **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) 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 the Ice went out:

A 4 x 10 section of wooden dock with legs and a paddle boat. If you are missing either or both, contact Alan Freid at 623-5445, identify and pick them up.

## 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 is available to download on the Web page under GWLA Board Information.

**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 one hour meeting length. Please bring your neighbors and join us.

**PARTY:** Due to the fantastic response last year, your GWLA Board is pleased to be hosting the 2nd Annual 'Pastries On The Porch' gathering to be held in June. More details coming soon -- be sure to include this fun evening on your calendar!

## 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

It's nearly that time of year again when we can look forward to plants and trees budding, 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!!**

**Reminder:** Barry County has a leash law, dogs **MUST** be kept indoors or tied. If you walk your dog, please carry a plastic bag to clean up after them.

**Trash Clean-up:** GWLA has joined with Hope Township for a Clean-up Day May 10th 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 May 10th starting at 10 am.

**NOTICE** The Hope Township Board approved, to discontinue the recycle bin at the hall.

"People are putting actual trash in the bins. .... our hauler said no more."

**Hope Township Community Day:** May 18, 2-4 pm.

Memorial Tree Planting will be held at 2:15 pm. in memory of John Woods, who passed away while a Trustee for Hope Township.

Representatives attending from BPH Fire Department, Michigan State Police, Delton Library, Barry County Road Commission, Bernard Historical Museum, Charlton Park, Barry County Commission on Aging, Barry Central Dispatch E/911, Green Gables Haven, Barry County Chamber of Commerce/Barry County Economic Development Alliance, and Mercy Ambulance.

Residents of Hope Township are invited to come and spend some time with us and get to know more about the services provided in Hope Township.

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

**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).

**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:**

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

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**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** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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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**Hydrilla Alert** Michigan lakes have become home to a variety of invasive and exotic weed species. Species such as Eurasian watermilfoil and Curlyleaf pondweed have spread to several hundred lakes around the state require seasonal management to keep them under control. In the southern U.S., the exotic weed species Hydrilla has been the major problem. It has slowly been moving north but has recently been jumping several hundred miles at a time. Recently, it has been found in a lake in Indiana just 50 miles south of the Michigan border. The Indiana DNR has been aggressively trying to eradicate it from this particular lake.

Hydrilla is extremely aggressive and can potentially take over a lake in just a few growing seasons. It is more aggressive than the exotic species already present in Michigan. The MDEQ is still developing an emergency action plan if Hydrilla is found in Michigan. Property owners should be aware of this potential problem and avoid activities which could introduce it to Wall Lake. If your boats and trailers are used on other bodies of water, especially southern states, please make sure they are cleaned thoroughly of any plant fragments. For further information on Hydrilla, please visit [www.miseagrant.umich.edu/ans](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/ans).

Please see additional sheet (pg.3) for information from Professional Lake Management regarding weed treatment for 2008.

**IT'S THE LAW:** Michigan law designates these dangerous operating practices as illegal: Reckless Operation of a vessel or reckless manipulation of water skis, a surfboard, or similar device is defined as that which disregards the safety or rights of others or endangers the person or property of others. Some examples are:

- Weaving your vessel through congested waterway traffic or swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision
- Jumping the wake of another vessel unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is restricted
- Chasing, harassing or disturbing wildlife with your vessel
- Causing damage from the wake of your vessel.
- Moving at greater than slow-no wake speed if any person is in the bow of a vessel without proper seating.

**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/>

**Hoping for a Great Summer !!** - Your Board



## 2008 Tentative Treatment Dates

P.O. Box 132  
Caledonia MI 49316  
Phone 616-891-1294

1. Please review the scheduled date(s) and types of treatment(s) listed below.
2. If weather conditions and/or Professional Lake Management feels treatment is not necessary, we will notify your lake board and reschedule treatment. On the day of treatment, your lake frontage will be posted if restrictive herbicides were used.

### Wall Lake has been scheduled for the week of:

WEEK OF:	TYPE OF TREATMENT:	WEEK OF:	TYPE OF TREATMENT:
5/5/08	Water Quality & Survey	8/18/08	Optional Algae, WQ, & AVAS Survey
5/27/08	Weed & Algae Treatment		
6/23/08	Spot Weed & Algae Treatment		
7/21/08	Spot Weed & Algae Treatment & WQ		

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 11 x 14 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 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. <b>(Please refer to website for restriction updates)</b>
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

\*Certified Applicators: Lynn Benedict, Jason Broekstra, Audry Buist, Jaimee Conroy, BreAnn Grabill, Steve Hanson, Jake Hunt, Nate Karsten, Pat McLamara, Stephanie Mervau, Casey Mickelson, Lucas Slagel, Jeff Tolan, Andy Tomaszewski, Jacob Ware.