



Greater Wall Lake Association
 P.O. Box 56
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Newsletter November, 2006

Welcome

- The GWLA Board hopes that everyone had a pleasant Summer of 2006 again at Wall Lake! We are watching the leaves change color quickly, and fall to the ground. We have even seen our first several inches of snow on the ground.

Newsletter Information:

- Many members have already chosen to accept this newsletter via email**, help us save time, stamps, and trees, probably not a good choice if you use dial-up connection, but great if you have broadband. Don't forget to share this newsletter with family and others interested in Wall Lake news.
 - ☺ We received a few complaints that people did not get their newsletter, then when we investigate, find that it was because someone forgot to let other family members know it had arrived **on the computer!!**
 - ☺ **We will gladly mail to multiple email accounts if it helps keep the peace!!**
- Electronic newsletter** Please send an email to: bwiersma@kresanet.org if you would consider receiving this format of the newsletter instead of printed and mailed.
- Newsletter is Published Quarterly** in February, May, August and November.

Wall Lake Board News

- 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.



From the September Board meeting:

Treasurers Report

As of 8/31/06: Checking Account: \$ 13,051.76 Weed Account: \$ 9,048.77
 Membership: 164

Trash Pickup 2006: The total cost was \$1032.00 which amounted to the pick-up of 5.36 tons of trash. This amount would require only one truck in the future. Most items picked up could easily be placed into regular garbage pickup. **Motion to drop the Bi-Annual Trash Pick-Up.** Approved.

FYI Dam Inspection – The State is due to inspect the Wall Lake Dam in 2007

NO Camping at Wall Lake – Hope Twp. does not allow Campers or Port-A-Potties, (even on private property) on Lake Lots. Daily fines may be assessed.

Reminder – The GWLA has a Post Office Box for GWLA related correspondence. Please utilize "P.O. Box 56" for all GWLA correspondence – Thank-You!

For your information:

Your DUES are used for:

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| Printing & postage | Trash pick up |
| Riparian magazine | GWLA liability insurance |
| Mich. Lake & Stream 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 |

Weeds

- Lake Management has given us a GREAT report on the condition of the lake this year. We took bi-weekly readings of several conditions found in our lake and reports are we are in great shape.
- Many reports of heavy re-growth of Eurasian Milfoil were brought to our attention in late summer and Lake Management has alerted us that we need a treatment of Sonar in the early spring.

Bill Wiersma –**President** 623-2672

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

Julie Vandervoort -**Secretary** 623-8540

Ev Kuizema – **Treasurer** 623-5102

North / West Side Reps: Tom Austin 623-6425; Maury Benton 623-3890; Bob Cove 623-2041;

Dick Fluke 623-2504; Don Thomas 623-4541; Bob Vander Veen 623-5009 .

South / East Side Reps: Nancy Cotant Burroughs 623-5592; Alan Freid 623-5445; Bob Heath 623-5515;
 Sandy Hubbell 623-8494; Ralph Krueger 623-4178 ; Tom Schaberg 623-5357;

Ice



- **Safety:** Once again, 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.
- **Courtesy:** please keep snow vehicles off ice skating rinks. Stay well out from shore so everyone can enjoy their favorite ice sports.
- **Common Sense:** please take docks and all equipment to shore during the winter, the spring ice will take out anything at or near the immediate shoreline. Everything depends on the unpredictable direction of the spring winds and the large ice floes that it moves. Lake levels often change up to 18" over the winter months.

Fall Cleanup Information

Leaf burning is not good for the lake.

Consider using a mulching mower and put all of the great nutrients back into your lawn instead. Much better natural fertilizer than they can bring you in a bag or tank truck!! And much better for the lake.

Do Not rake leaves into the lake, do not burn leaves where the smoke or debris will go out over the lake resulting in pollution of the water.



Information from Hope Township Phone (269) 948-2464 Fax 9269) 948-4646

Office Hours:

Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer – Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – Noon, 1:15 p.m. – 3:00
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.

Temporary Web Page of the Greater Wall Lake Association is <http://www.geocities.com/gwla2006/> . As soon as the regular page is ready we will notify you from that page. Also in the next newsletter.

Web Sites you might wish to visit:

- The Official State of Michigan Web Site <http://michigan.gov>
- Department of Environmental Quality <http://michigan.gov/deg/>
- Protecting Michigan's Inland Lakes and Streams: http://www.michigan.gov/deg/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/>

Questions / Ideas: contact a Greater Wall Lake Association Board member via email:

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EACH AND EVERY RIPARIAN
A SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON
AND A GREAT NEW YEAR!

