



# Greater Wall Lake Association

P.O. Box 56  
Delton Michigan 49046



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## Welcome

Beautiful colors all around the lake, Fall 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 you're 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. This 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!

## 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).

## Fall Cleanup Information

Please take docks and all equipment to shore during the winter, the ice will take out anything left in the water or on the immediate shoreline, depending on the direction of the spring winds.

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.



## 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

**Fire:** On Wed. Oct 22 at around 5:00 a.m. fire trucks from 4 departments attacked a huge house fire at Arlon or Marilyn Kreg 4407 Cordes Rd (last house on Cordes Rd turnaround). Pictures:

<http://www.woodtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=9218130>

The two story grey brick home was a total loss. Everyone escaped and fire personnel reported the light breeze was pushing flames and smoke over the water and not threatening nearby homes. The board extends condolences to the Kreg family.



**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/>

## 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.

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

Bob Cove – **Treasurer** 623-2041

### Lake Management Report

The following information is regarding the aquatic management program for Wall Lake for the 2009 season.

The 2008 season was a very successful year in regards to Eurasian watermilfoil control. Our goals for the season were to control/reduce Eurasian watermilfoil throughout the lake and promote a balanced aquatic ecosystem of native plants. Based on surveys that were performed on the lake, our goal was achieved. Eurasian watermilfoil was present but maintained at low levels. Future lake management goals will focus on monitoring the balance of aquatic weed growth. Once Eurasian watermilfoil is found it will be addressed via spot herbicide treatments. If Curlyleaf pondweed and/or algae become excessive we will implement management techniques to provide balance in these areas.

### From the GWLA Board:

**Treasurer** Bob Cove detailed the treasurer's report. The GWLA is changing from a Fiscal Year to a Calendar Year to help avoid confusion when paying dues.

**Weeds** Dan Hills gave the weed treatment report. The fall samples have been taken, and the lake is just as it should be for this stage of our treatment. The official results are not yet back, but it appears that all of our levels are within the acceptable range. The report will be distributed when it is available. E-Coli levels are VERY low!!

Milfoil was found to be present in small amounts, within normal ranges, in all three coves. In order to receive approval for a second Sonar treatment, the infestation would have to reach a minimum of 12%.

### Reminder – 2009 Membership, Lower Dues

Your \$25.00 dues for 2009 are due and payable beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. Payable to GWLA and mailed to PO Box 56 Delton MI 49046. This is a \$10.00 reduction from past years. 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

### Two New Items on Membership form

We are requesting that you check off two additional items on the membership dues form when you send it in.

First box at bottom of the form is for the Riparian Magazine. We have included it as a part of your dues, but some have mentioned that they would not mind finding the valuable articles online at <http://www.miriparian.org/>. Online issues are available from 1977 – 2005 only. If you would prefer to read the older online documents, please let us know by checking the proper box.

A Wall Lake Directory has been suggested. If you would like your contact information included in a directory please check the appropriate box Yes or No also found at the bottom of the membership form.

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

2009 Dues  
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**

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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

### 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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THE GWLA BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS WISHES  
EACH AND EVERY  
RIPARIAN



A SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND A GREAT NEW YEAR!

- Your Board