



# School Section Lake POA Crier

Fall 2017 Issue

## From Our President...

by Doug Murdoch

WOW!!!!

What happened to Summer 2017? It's been a quick but good summer with most of us enjoying the beauty of School Section Lake.

Though summer went by quickly, we were still able to accomplish so many great things. Signs were updated at Wood St. and West School Section Lake Dr entrances. Water clarity checks were taken weekly and the lake remained very clear throughout the summer.

The Meet Your Neighbor Picnic once again had a fantastic turnout with some unbelievable door prizes from local businesses and property owners. To wrap up our summer activities, we had the first ever Labor Day weekend non-motorized poker run.

Fall will once again bring on the annual fish planting. Thanks to all who have donated to the fish fund as we now have one of the better fishing lakes in the county.

As I reflect back on the summer, one thing that always amazes me is how generous everyone is in inviting others to join them at their lake home. This past July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was amazing as almost everyone opened their doors to others to enjoy the lake. I don't think I have ever seen so many vehicles parked at each place. I am so proud to be part of a lake family that is so giving and allowing others to enjoy one of the gems of Mecosta County.

Don't forget to take time to enjoy the beauty of fall and winter as School Section Lake is beautiful year round. Have a healthy and safe winter and we'll see you all next summer at the lake!

Let's just have Fun!

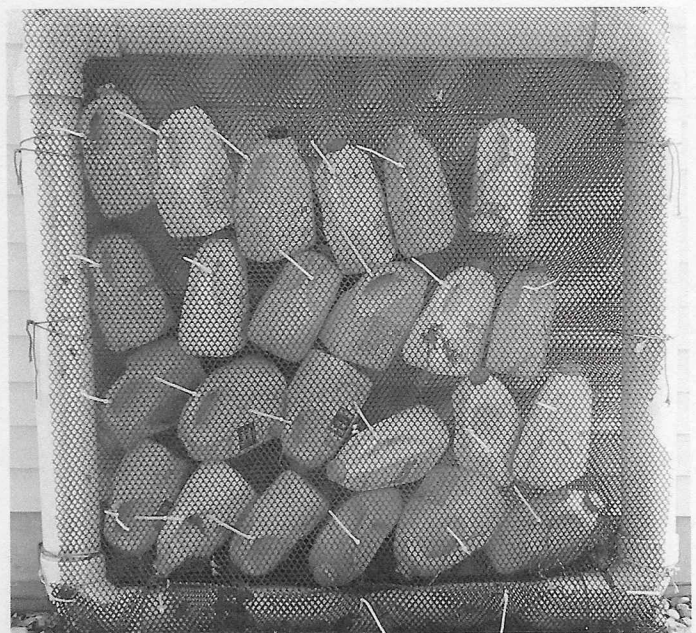
**FALL, WINTER, SPRING OR SUMMER .....**

**PLEASE BE SAFE AND LET'S HAVE FUN!**

## Loon Nesting Island

This fall a loon nesting island will be established in School Section Lake. The structure is a four by four surround of 4 inch plastic PVC pipe, filled with empty plastic containers zip tied together for buoyancy and covered top and bottom with plastic snow fence. The island will then be covered with sod and anchored 50 feet off shore just east of the Boy Scout Camp. This spot was chosen as it is a quiet area and away from boat traffic. Please observe the island from at least 100 yards away to give the loons an undisturbed area to nest. Please do not disturb the island or the loons.

Usually one or two eggs which are olive or brown with dark splotches are laid in late May or June and incubation of eggs generally lasts 26-28 days. If the eggs are lost, the pair may re-nest, often in the same general location. Loon chicks covered in brown-black down appear on the water in late June or July. Adult loons generally migrate to the ocean to overwinter in October or November. The young follow on their own, often just before ice-in of their native lake. They will not return to their native lakes until they are 26 months old or older, and might not breed until they are six or seven years old.



## Boat Launch Gate

In the spring of 2018, you will be notified by email when the combination to the Launch Gate is changed. If you don't receive Marlene Schalm's email, please contact Don Swanson at [REDACTED] or call him at [REDACTED]. Special thanks go to Don for volunteering to assume the responsibility for the launch.

## School Section Lake Web Site

by Kris Karcher

The School Section Lake website is available online. [www.schoolsectionlake.com](http://www.schoolsectionlake.com). We are always looking for interesting stories, memories, history of the lake, etc. If you have any info or pictures you'd like on the website, please email [REDACTED].

## Fish Committee

by Jerry King

The mission of the Fish Committee continues to be to improve fishing opportunities by planting Walleye fish every year.

We want to acknowledge the passing of Bob Baldwin, who has been our supplier since we started this program in 2007. We valued his service and will miss him. We will continue to receive walleye directly from the supplier, Michigan Wholesale Walleye in Pickford, MI. Andrea McDonald is the owner and contact person.

Fish planting is again planned for October and we will send out notice via email when we have a date and time for those who wish to come and participate at the boat launch. See you there!

## Weed Control Committee

by Jerry King

Management of invasive species plants continues to be excellent, thanks to the expertise of Matt, from Michigan Lakefront Solutions. His company has been a good partner and has kept the price the same for many years. After the over-all treatment on June 21st, Matt re-surveyed the spots marked by GPS and on August 15 he sprayed 3 areas of recurrence due to regrowth allowed by lower water levels.

If anyone sees an area of Mil-foil plant recurrence, contact Jerry King and arrangements will be made for Matt to return and assess the area for re-treatment if necessary. Thanks for your support of this valuable program.

## Road Report

by Dick Wheeler, Morton Township Supervisor

Paving at the Canadian Lakes Four Corners intersection of Buchanan and 100th Avenue is now scheduled to begin September 28th, not immediately after Labor Day. This work will include finishing the portions not yet paved on both the east and west sides of the Buchanan Bridge, paving the shoulders on Buchanan from the intersection east to W. SSL for bike lanes and paving 2,700 feet of West. School Section Lake Dr.

## First Annual Poker Run

by Dan Karcher

The first annual Poker Run was a great success with 25 teams participating. A special SHOUT OUT and thanks to our 6 host houses for the fun activities and their great hospitality. The event was awesome because of the Cotter, Sheppard, Moreland, Foster, Thomas, Haynes and Marlene Schalm families. Our top three winners were Jean and Deb Thomas and family, Maxine Murdoch with Laura Liles and Teri Straus. We hope this will become an annual event and will grow to include many more families. Special thanks Christie Ishraidi, Janine Mills and Dan and Kris Karcher for organizing the run.



## New Property Owners

Welcome to the new property owners and their families. If we have missed anyone, please let us know.

DOLPHIN, JULIE	9266 BUCHANAN
HACKER, LINN	9593, 9605 W SSL
HOPKINS, DAVID	9260 W SSL
KANOUSE, CHAD	8591 WOOD ST
KUEHN, WESLEY	8700 WOOD ST
MUELLER, JAMES	9624 W SSL
OLSEN, GENE	8711 WOOD ST
PERRIN, MARK	8720 W SSL
SPARKS, MARVIN	9750 E SSL
VALKNER, HAILEY	8508 WOOD ST
WALLNER, PETER	9650 HILL ST

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet Your Neighbors

Well over 100 property owners, their friends and families braved the weather to enjoy the brats, "YUMMY" side dishes, the 42 great prizes and the toe-tapping music by the Dixie Ramblers.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the buffet tables as well as those who helped with the set up/tear down. SPECIAL THANKS to Denise & Mark Ronning who have chaired the event for five years and now wish to pass the opportunity on to someone else. If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing the event, please call Doug Murdoch at [REDACTED] SPECIAL THANKS to Marlene Schalm (SSLPOA secretary) who graciously shares her property for this picnic. SPECIAL THANKS to the Dixie Ramblers who provided our music.

A short business meeting was held at the "Meet Your Neighbor" Picnic on 8/12/2017. to approve a MOU, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, to move the maintenance, management, and maintenance fund of the boat launch over to the SSLPOA. This MOU may be modified or terminated by mutual consent of authorized representatives from the SSLPOA, Oak Park I and Pangborn Park subdivisions. This MOU was approved as written.

Many people requested the German Potato Salad recipe that Bethel Larsen brought and graciously shared her recipe with us.

## German Potato Salad

### Ingredients:

6-8 medium potatoes, boiled with skins, not too done  
6 hard cooked eggs  
4 medium onions, diced  
½ pound bacon, crumbled  
1 cup cider vinegar  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup water thickened with  
6 Tbsp. flour

### Directions:

Fry bacon and drain. Cook diced onions in bacon fat until transparent. Remove onions; add vinegar, sugar, and flour-water mixture. Stir over low heat until thickened. Add onions, crumbled bacon, diced eggs and potatoes cut into bite sized chunks. Stir together and serve hot. Note: California or redskin potatoes work best for this.

## Prizes were generously donated by:

Ace Hardware  
Antler's  
Blue Lake Tavern  
Dave's Pizza  
Fates  
Hansul's Marine  
King's Trading Post  
Lakeside Motor Sports  
Maxfield's  
Remus Repair  
Rowland Family  
Wade Family

Amy's Nails and Spa  
Becki's Fitness  
Conley's Bakery  
Dixie Ramblers  
Flair for Hair  
Hixson Family Market  
K J's  
Lakeside Pizza & Grinders  
Pratt Family  
Remus Tavern  
Royal Grill  
Yellow Rose

The Yellow Rose Upholstery raffle included two pillow sets, two S'Mores Kits with tools and storage bags as well as a padded cooler all creatively designed by Katie and Brent Galloway. Lakeside Motor Sports displayed a beautiful pontoon and raffled a Paddle Jet Boat, one of the grand prizes. Hansul's raffled the other grand prize, a 3-Man Airhead Tube and rope set. Let's be sure to thank our business neighbors for their generosity.

## Lucky Prize Winners

Jerry Ambrose  
Doug Bucholz  
Tori Fenton  
Marty Foster  
Kate Hazelton  
Shelby Kuehn  
Dan Lawless  
Jean May  
Jackie Morelan  
Ben Murdoch  
John Murdoch  
Maxine Murdoch  
Dawn Murphy  
Bob Muskin  
Mark Perrin  
Marlene Schalm  
John Sheppard  
Denny Swanson  
Scott Tonak  
John Tuit  
James Watters

Sharon Ambrose  
Kurt Cotter  
Sharyl Fleming  
Judie Frey  
Dan Karcher  
Bethel Larsen  
Denise Lawless  
Wayne May  
Cary Morrison  
Doug Murdoch  
Ken Murdoch  
Tony Murdoch  
Mike Murphy  
Sharla Muskin  
Betty Pratt  
Anna Sheppard  
Marge Shepherd  
Matilda Swanson  
Bill Taylor  
Linda Tuit



## Boat Parade and Pictures

Once again we had a fabulous Fourth of July Boat Parade. The Charlie J. Douglas Pirates led the flotilla of twenty-three cleverly decorated boats and pontoons. Sue Cozak's family showered us with their tub of bubbles while the Schuberg family's Foghorn Leghorn Chicken brought back memories of the Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies. Thanks to everyone who participated and especially to the Cotter family for organizing the annual parade.



## Entrance Signs



Thanks to Don Swanson and the craftsmanship of his woodworking son Gabe, both signs at Wood St. and West SSL have been updated. Kudos to the Swansons!

## Water Quality

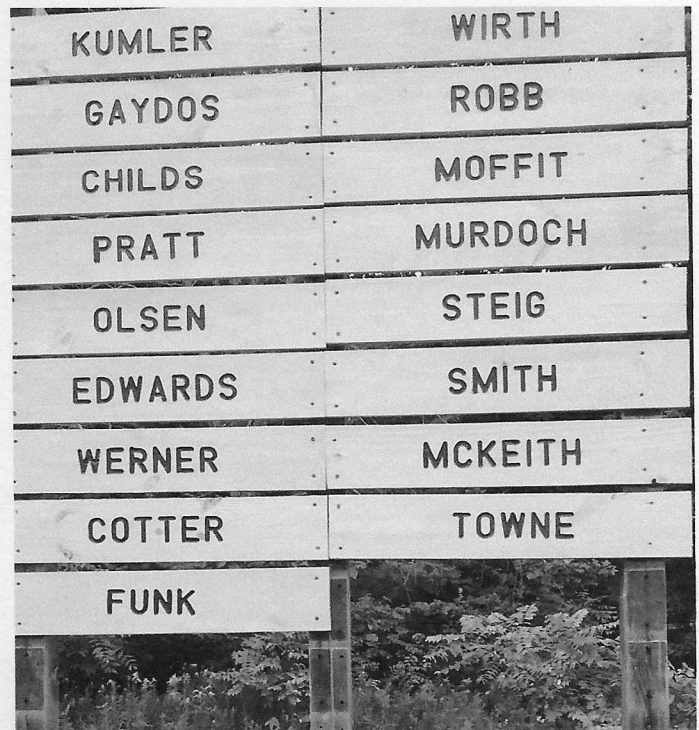
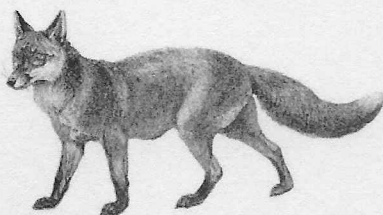
by Don Swanson

All Secci testing has been completed in a timely manner. Clarity is at about 15 feet unless churned up by motorized boating. After an active weekend, visibility is reduced to about 10-12 feet but by Wednesday, it returns to 15-18 ft.

## New Residents

by Marlene Schalm

We have new residents on our lake this year, the four legged kind. At least three red fox families were using sheds and decks on the Wade, Schalm and Roberts properties for their dens. The red fox have greatly reduced our rodent population, created hours of amusement, and posed for many pictures this year so I have invited them back next year!



# SSLPOA Officers & Reps

# 2016-2017 Audit

by Maxine Murdoch

Please check the web site for phone numbers and email addresses.

On August 16, 2017, we performed the annual audit of SSLPOA's Financial Records for the 2016-2017 year. The bank statements were reviewed and the balances verified as well as the entries for expenses and income. The records were found to be complete and well organized. No discrepancies were found.

## Board Officers:

Doug Murdoch, President  
Marty Foster, Vice President.  
Janine Mills, Treasurer  
Marlene Schalm, Secretary

Thanks to our treasurer, Janine Mills, who volunteered to fill in for the remainder of John Sheppard's term.

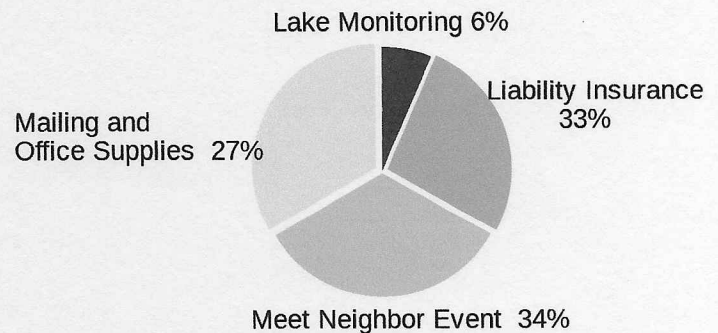
Our general operating expenses rely entirely upon our income from dues & donations. Only about half of our property owners contribute, so we urge everyone to remember to send in their dues yearly.

## Area Reps:

Jerry King  
Darlene Bunker  
Steve Hill  
Kris Karcher  
Judy Rowland  
Diane Diehm  
Don Swanson

Keith Cotter  
Margo Miller  
Gabe Sheppard  
Kurt Cotter  
Marvin Bell  
Dan Karcher  
Dorothy Metcalf

## 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Expenses



## Superintendent of Mecosta County Parks:

Jeff Abel

231-832-3246

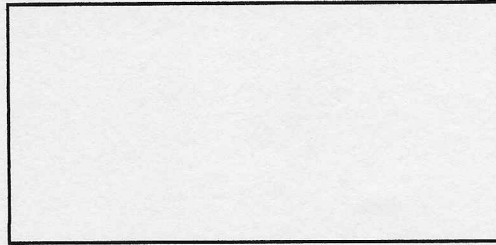
Lake Monitoring	\$159.95
Mailing & Office Supplies	\$655.64
Meet Neighbor Event	\$825.38
Liability Insurance	\$820.00
	\$2,460.97

## Committee Chairs:

Meet Your Neighbor – Will you kindly volunteer????  
Finance Committee – Janine Mills, Maxine Murdoch  
Fish Planting Project – Jerry King  
Newsletter – Maxine Murdoch, Dorothy Metcalf  
Park Liaison – Doug Murdoch  
Lake Water Levels – John Rowland  
Water Quality Management – Don Swanson  
Web Site Master – Kris Karcher  
Road Committee – Larry Bunker

*Mailing and Office Supplies expense includes postage, printing, PO box and office supplies. Organization Dues include water testing, riparian subscription, MI Lake and Stream dues, MI non-profit dues and the website.*

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**Fall 2017 Newsletter**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Annual Meeting: Sat. June 9, 2018, 9:00 AM, Twp.  
Hall**

**Meet Your Neighbor: Sat. August 11, 2018**

**Recycle each Sat. of the month 9 AM to noon  
Located in the Morton Township Business Park  
on 9 Mile Road**