

Our Mission

To learn, study and monitor the condition of Portage Lake and take steps to keep it healthy and viable.

Friends of Portage Lake

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Portage Lake Report



President's Report...

Annual Elections Sept. 27, 2013 Weed Control Plans to be Announced

by Mark Parks

Summer is quickly drawing to a close. It has been a hot, dry summer which has had impacts on the lake not seen in years. The cooler weather lately has been a welcome change. Though our family always struggles with the idea of taking the boats and dock out of the lake, we know fall will be another beautiful season.

I want to begin by thanking the many families who have helped support a successful invasive weed treatment program this summer. We have been able to fund the treatment of some of the densest growth areas of invasive weeds in the developed areas of the lake. The results in treating Camba in Snug Harbor and the south end of the lake were better than expected. Professional Lake Management did an excellent job treating the invasive weeds and has recently presented a recommended plan for managing the lake in the coming years.

This would not be possible without your support of the triathlon in June, the pancake breakfast held recently, Friends of Portage Lake membership dues, and many generous donations. Thank you again.

We are pleased with the number of folks who have joined the Friends of Portage Lake as members. For 2012 we have approximately 65 members. On **Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 pm** we will hold our first annual membership meeting where an election will be held for board members and plans for 2013 will be discussed. A potluck will be held beforehand starting at 6:00 pm for those who would like to join in.

We are hoping to have a representative from Professional Lake Management with us to discuss this year's treatment and what is recommended for coming years.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend this annual meeting. We hope our members will make a special point to come and cast their vote for board members. **Ballots will be mailed to members prior to the meeting date.** Let your board representative or myself know if you have an interest in being nominated for a board position.

Please contact any committee member if you have questions on the September meeting or any of the items we are working on as a board. Thank you for your support of our efforts and your interest and concern for our beautiful lake. Hope to see you on the 27th!

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Potluck & Annual Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 27, 6 pm
Klines Resort Clubhouse

\$1 brats & dogs

Bring dish to pass & table service.

by Kevin Hughes

Lake Ave. 3-Peat's; Retains "Patriot Cup"



Chris and Linda Miller - Winners of the Patriot Cup for 2012

This year's 4th of July Boat Parade was led by last year's winner of the Patriot Cup, Oz and Linda Osborn. They had the honor of being able to display this traveling trophy at their home all year, and had already planned to help their neighbors with some ideas to ensure the trophy's return to Lake Ave.

This year, 14 patriotic decorated boats paraded around the lake and enjoyed all the cheering and flag waiving from the spectators along the shore. Even Stanley gave his patriotic salute. As the boats gathered, an image appeared across the water. When it arrived, we were greeted with a "shot" from the cannon of a US Tank, then a friendly hello as Chris and Linda Miller emerged from the hatch.

Of course, they were the run-away winners, and their names have been proudly added to the Patriot Cup. The residents of Lake Ave. had kept their promise to help someone from their side of the lake hold the cup for another year. I've been told that some "engineers" from Klines Resort are looking to end the Lake Ave. run. This year everyone who decorated a boat for the parade was given a miniature replica of the Patriot Cup. These will be given out each year, so start planning for next 4th of July.

A special thank you goes out to Ken Koole for putting on a spectacular fireworks show to complete the 4th of July. Ken accepts donations and will soon start working on next years show. You can contact him at 269-569-0248 and KKoole01@aol.com

**Keep Our
Waters
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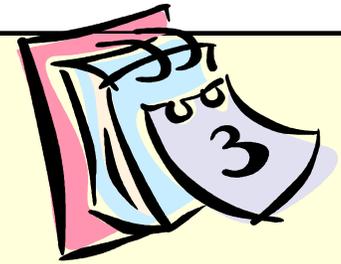
Don't Dump Your Bait!

Fish diseases like Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) can be transferred in your bait bucket!

- Dispose of unused bait in the trash.
- Empty live wells & bilges at the ramp.
- Don't transfer live fish to other waters.
- Disinfect live wells & bilges with bleach solution (1/2 C bleach/5 gal)
- Let equipment dry completely before using in another waterbody

For more information go to:

www.michigan.gov/vhs



Save These Dates!

Community Yard Sales

Sat, Sept. 8, 2012

Annual Meeting

Thurs. Sept 27, 2012

6 pm - Potluck

7 pm - Meeting & Elections

Doubletime Triathlon

Sat, June 1, 2013

Boat Parade

July 4, 2013

Pancake Breakfast

Sat, August 3, 2013

2012 FUNDRAISING REPORT

By Marie Lewis

The Doubletime Triathlon began our year with revenue of \$1,112. "Thanks" for everyone's great support, and to Jim Mishler and Spirit Racing for organizing the event.

Special thanks to Dave Moore and Rainbows Aloft Balloon Co. for donating a hot air balloon

ride to raffle at the Resort Yard Sale in July. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Kurt Rigg!

On August 4th we held our 3rd annual FPL Pancake Breakfast at the Kline's Resort Clubhouse. With the help of so many friends and neighbors we had a great time together. Many THANKS to all the volunteers who assisted with the ticket sales, cooking, serving, and clean up. The fundraisers would never take place without your help. Thanks to Tama and Joyce Kline for all your help and guidance, and to Klines Resort for the use of your facilities. The Pancake Breakfast brought in \$698.50 in donations and profits. Great job all!

This year the Lake Area Yard Sales will take place on Saturday, September 8th from 8 am to 1 pm. Pat and Judy Jergens have volunteered to host the FRIENDS OF PORTAGE LAKE yard sale at their home at 52385 Silver Street, Three Rivers. We are accepting donations of clean, non-clothing items from now through Friday, September 6th. Volunteers are needed to

assist with the sale. If you would like to help in any way, including donations, please call Judy at 517-206-7723 or Marie Lewis at 269-496-7245. The yard sale is a great fundraiser and a good way to clean out your closets!

**Yard Sale Sept. 8
Volunteers Needed**
Judy Jergens: 517-206-7723
Marie Lewis: 269-496-7245

If you are planning your own fall yard sale, we hope you can schedule it for the weekend of Sept. 8. We'll take out some classified ads and prepare a map showing sale locations. Email Kevin Hughes at chrisnkev19@comcast.net or call 649-9535 to add your sale location to the map.

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Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward	\$3,503
Income thru August 1:	
Memberships	\$1,700
Donations	\$3,320
Fundraisers	\$ 915
Expenses:	
Weed Treatment	\$5,835
Tax return	\$ 124
Other	\$ 50
Ending Balance	\$4,541
Accounts Receivable:	
Triathlon	\$ 1,112

I'm a Friend of Portage Lake!

- Membership enclosed (please include form)
- Contribution enclosed: \$ _____ (Thanks!)
- Add my email address to your newsletter mailing list
- Other: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____@_____

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