



April 10, 2015

Dear Friends of Portage Lake:

Spring has sprung, and with Spring our thoughts turn to the busy summer ahead on Portage Lake. With this in mind, we invite your renewed support for Friends of Portage Lake.

Good News! Since the special assessment district is now in place, FPL is dropping its fundraising activities! However, we will continue to function in an advisory capacity to the township, and continue our research and educational activities for the lake, along with sponsoring the occasional social function.

Please note the following:

- **Special Assessment District:** With the approval by the Mendon Township Board of a special assessment district for invasive weed control, the Township is placing the proceeds from these assessments into a fund which they administrate. Treatments will be based on an annual weed survey and the recommendations of PLM Lake Management and our committee.
- **2015 treatment program:** In May, PLM Lake Management will survey Portage Lake and prepare a weed management proposal. This document will be posted on our web site once it becomes available, along with the dates of their proposed treatments and follow up surveys. Since there are now substantially more funds available, we expect a banner year for the weed control program.
- **Membership Renewals:** We invite you to renew your membership in Friends of Portage Lake, or to become a member for the first time if you didn't join last year. The small annual membership fee of \$25 per home allows you to actively participate in decisions affecting our lake and insures we will have a voice in the ongoing weed control program.

More information about our lake monitoring, education and community activities will be found in our coming newsletters. Until then, please feel free to discuss our activities and plans with your committee representative. Thank you for your continued support as we work to protect our great lake.

Sincerely,

Friends of Portage Lake Board

Mark Parks, President; Kevin Hughes, Treasurer; Marie Lewis, Secretary

Greg Dedes, Elayna Grody, Richard Flegel





2015 Membership Information

Friends of Portage Lake

Complete bylaws are available on-line at www.friendsofportagelake.com

Friends of Portage Lake, Inc. is a not-for-profit Michigan Corporation. It is organized on a membership basis. In order to be a member, a person must meet all of the following qualifications:

1. Own or rent a lot or parcel with lake frontage on (or permanent recorded access to) Portage Lake in St. Joseph County, Michigan.
2. Be reasonably current in paying all dues and assessments (as "reasonably current" is determined by the Board of Directors). As a rule, this means dues must be paid by July 1 to vote at the annual meeting in September.

Voting Rights. Each lot or parcel which qualifies for membership and for which all dues/assessments are paid current shall have one (1) membership and only one (1) vote. If there is more than one owner of any such lot or parcel and they cannot all agree on their vote for a particular membership vote, the vote for that lot or parcel shall not count (i.e. a vote for a particular lot or parcel cannot be split or fractionalized).

Multiple memberships: If a landowner owns two or more full lots or parcels, each parcel or lot shall have one (1) membership if separate dues/assessments are paid for each lot or parcel owned. However, if the owner of two or more full lots or parcels desires to combine two or more of such lots or parcels for purposes of only paying the dues/assessment for one lot, then the landowner shall have only one (1) membership for such combined lots or parcels. However, the vote cannot be split between two voting areas.

Voting areas: Directors will be chosen to represent seven (7) areas around Portage Lake as follows:

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| Davis Drive | East Shore Lane and north end | Klines Resort |
| Lake Avenue | Snug Harbor & Nancy Lane | South end of lake & Rivolake Drive |
| One at large member chosen by the board | | |

To the extent reasonably practical, each of these 7 areas shall be represented by one member of the Board of Directors. If there are 7 members of the Board of Directors, one member of the Board of Directors shall be elected from each of the 7 areas of the lake. If there are fewer than 7 members of the Board of Directors, reasonable efforts should be made for the membership of the Board of Directors to be as geographically representative of the 7 areas of the lake as possible.

Contributions to Friends of Portage Lake, Inc. are NOT considered charitable contributions for income tax purposes.

2015 Membership Application/Renewal

Name(s): _____ Email address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

Address of qualifying parcel (if different): _____

This is a (check one); Membership Renewal New Membership Additional Parcel

Voting area (check one): Davis Drive East Shore Lane and north end Klines Resort
 Lake Avenue Snug Harbor & Nancy Lane South end of lake & Rivolake Drive

I/we certify that I/we currently own, rent or lease the above qualifying lot or parcel for membership in Friends of Portage Lake, Inc. I/we hereby apply for membership and agree to abide by its bylaws.

Date: _____ Applicant's Signature(s): _____

Please make checks payable to "Friends of Portage Lake" & mail to:
Friends of Portage Lake, c/o Kevin Hughes, Treasurer
22705 Davis Drive, Three Rivers, MI 49093

Annual Dues:	\$ 25.00
Additional Contribution:	\$ _____
Total Enclosed:	\$ _____