

NEGAUNEE LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

December 2011

Please remember this is a spring fed lake while pursuing your winter activities; it can be dangerous to be on the lake, especially if snow covered. 4-6 inches of ice are recommended by the MDNRE for ice fishing and remember snowmobiles have gone through the ice in past years.

The lake was stocked with 60,000+ fathead minnows this summer which should make your winter fishing even better. The fish fund has increased some but your donations will be needed to continue the stocking effort. The fall pop can drive netted \$70+/- for the fund and will begin accepting your cans/bottles in the spring again. Donations can be forwarded to our Treasurer, Linda Cochran. Please indicate on your check that this is for the fish fund and a big thanks to all who have donated!

We have contracted with Professional Lake Management again for services to help maintain our lake. Harvesting will be considered for 2012 along with the other weed management tools they provide.

Dumpster pickup is once a week thru 4/1. Members may call Waste Management at (800)796-9696 for pickup of bulk items, ie furniture etc. Scrap metal only may be placed behind the green fence in the park at no cost. \$500+ collected so far this year. There is a charge of \$25 made payable to the Association for refrigerators and freezers because of the Freon removal charge. Make any appliances child proof before placing behind fence (remove doors). Please use recycling programs available in the community to reduce volume in the dumpster.

Boats must be removed from Association property no later than May 1. Please remove leaves/debris that gathered around your boat over the winter. There is a burn area by the park shed that leaves can be piled in for the work crew to take care of.

NLA Board members have purchased a sander/salter to help maintain our roads and comply with insurance requirements. Many insurance carriers will not cover your home if 365 day access is not available for all emergency vehicles. Sand/salt piles on the hills will continue to be available.

Please do not rake leaves or shovel snow into the roadways or ditches around the lake. Snow removal is difficult in the best of conditions and whenever snow melts the ditches need to be as functional as possible.

Mecosta and Osceola counties have been contacted regarding snowplowing. The two counties refuse to work together so plowing done on our access roads will remain status quo. Overhanging trees on Mesceola Road will not be trimmed by the road commission but can be sprayed with CFT100 so that has been requested for the spring. A double line/no passing zone request for 80th Avenue, just north of Mesceola Road, has been made; a state police study has to be done to make the change.

Cichock property - Renter has been evicted and fence encroaching on NLA road easement has been removed.

Wainwright property - Posts which posed safety issues and encroached on NLA road easement have been removed.

Subdivision 4 McLachlan issue is still in litigation.

Please update your address and/or phone number and provide an email address to dmshroufe@ftch.com so we can keep you up to date electronically. Your email address will not be shared. If you don't have access to email, feel free to mail or call with any of your changes to Deb Shroufe. Be sure to visit the NLA website at www.negauneelake.org for contact and other pertinent information.

Membership dues are due January 1st of each year but are required by May 1st of each year. Please pay your dues as soon as possible so we can keep up with monthly bills. Fee schedule and remittance attached. Your dues MUST be paid to use the dumpster, Association parks and to launch your boat. Have a happy and safe Holiday Season and all of you who are heading someplace warmer – ENJOY! See you in the Spring!

2011 NEGAUNEE LAKE ANNUAL DUES

Home on or off water \$330

Vacant land off water \$110

Vacant land on water \$165

Please remember if you own a home plus vacant land (on or off water) you only have to pay \$330. If you own more than one vacant lot (on or off water) you only have to pay for one lot.

Dues are due January 1st – required by May 1st. Please tear this portion off and return with your payment to: Negaunee Lake Association Treasurer Linda Cochran, 389 Negaunee Lake Dr., Ewart MI 49631 phone (231)734-2004

Name _____

Lake Address _____

Dues Amount _____