

NEGAUNEE LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MAY 2014

Welcome back to the Lake! Annual dues are \$330 for homes on and off the lake, \$165 for lots on the lake, \$110 for lots off the lake and were due May 1st. If you remain unpaid, please forward your payment to our Treasurer, Linda Cochran, 389 Negaunee Lake Dr, Ewart MI, 49631. Unpaid members are reminded that boat launch access and use of the parks is not available until dues are paid in full. Use of the dumpster, without paid dues, is considered trespassing which can incur a \$500 fine. Attached is a dues form to include with your payment.

Boats should have been removed from NLA property by May 1. Please clean up leaves/debris that may have collected during storage. Listed here are some local boat put in/removal services: Ed's Rental in Big Rapids 231-796-5508 \$40/day trailer rental (you move). EMS Boat Storage in Big Rapids 231-872-4813 will put in or take out for \$60 and will consider quantity discounts for multiple boats/same day. Lake Miramichi Marine 231-734-5274 offers same service \$40+/-.

Many folks want to keep in touch with their neighbors in case of emergency etc. We will again make a directory available to members at the annual meeting, or by request, but cannot release your telephone number without your consent. Attached is a "permission slip" for that purpose. You can email or snail mail your consent to the Secretary (address on return label of this letter, email address on negauneelake.org) or submit with your dues payment.

The annual Negaunee Lake Association (NLA) picnic/annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5th at noon in the Association park. The annual meeting will follow. In case of inclement weather, it will be held Sunday, July 6th – same time, same place. Bring your family and friends, your own table service, and one or more dishes to pass. Hot dogs, burgers and brats will be available for \$3.00 per person, children under 12 are free. Please come and join us, visit with your neighbors, meet new ones and enjoy some great food. Your help with table set up before the picnic/meeting (7/5), at 9am that day, would be appreciated.

2014 is a Board Officer election year. To promote continuity and experience on the Board, a possible change in the bylaws, to stagger the terms of elected members, is being considered; you will be asked to vote on that change if proposed. At this time, Mike Vogas (president) and Chuck Pawloski (at large representative) will not be seeking re-election. All other board members are willing to serve another term. Please consider this your opportunity to participate in the decisions that affect your property investment.

We need volunteers to organize/run kid's games/prizes during the annual meeting. Please contact one of your NLA board members (contact info on negauneelake.org) if this opportunity would interest you.

The gentlemen who voluntarily, regularly, maintain NLA grounds/roads invite you to join them. Work party begins 5/7 at 9AM and is each Wednesday throughout the summer. For those who cannot be here during the week, some Saturday dates will be posted on the website as projects are evaluated. Come out and join the work crew or tackle some of these chores on your own:

Pick up of twigs/sticks/branches in parks to prevent mower damage. If you can't remove them, make piles.

Each park needs mowing/weed whacking several times a year

Pavilion often needs to be swept out

Clip branches away from road edges

Campbell Excavating did a great job maintaining our roads this winter. Please thank Bob Lancaster for the assistance he gave and Linda Cochran for coordinating and fielding complaints/questions; this was a record breaking season!

Fish Committee - Be aware that the severe winter produced an above average fish kill, especially bass. Early freeze, late thaw, heavy and continuous snow cover, all add up to lower than normal oxygen levels in the water, resulting in very high kill numbers. Please remove any dead fish from your shoreline, bag and deposit in the dumpster. Professional Lake Management (PLM), our lake management company, will do a water quality testing soon. There is a possibility of higher phosphorus levels but the lake water should be safe for recreational pursuits and fishing. Practicing "catch and release" of bass is encouraged and following MDNR catch limits, on all species, is the law.

Current plan is to plant feeder fish this spring. Further plantings will depend on fund balance. Contributions can be sent to the NLA Treasurer denoting fish fund donation.

This area experienced a three day power loss when heavy storms went through 4/12 around 9PM. Restoration of power, for some, was by noon 4/13 but the balance were not restored until 6PM 4/15. McLachlan Point was out for 69 hours. Consider the contents of your refrigerator as suspect. Thanks to everyone who helped clean up downed trees and washes after the storm hit.

PLEASE NOTE -

- Break down boxes before putting in dumpster – better yet, *recycle!* Information posted on negauneelake.org
- No leaves, brush, building materials, propane tanks, carpeting or undried paint cans in dumpster
- Members may call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696 for bulk pickup of items, i.e. furniture, etc. **Scrap metal only** may be placed behind the shed in the park at no cost. Any proceeds to benefit the Association. There is a \$25 charge payable to NLA for refrigerators and freezers because of the freon. Make sure any appliances are made child proof. Car and boat batteries also accepted.
- Please do not put leaves and other yard debris in the lake – yard debris can be deposited on Bob Lancaster property – contact him.
- Leaves should never be left in the road – they inhibit proper road grading/snow removal
- Snow plow/snow blower debris should never be left in the road – inhibits proper snow removal
- Power wash and empty bilge on any boat that has been in waters other than our lake before you launch. Contact a NLA Board member for launch access (contact info on negauneelake.org).
- Speed limit is 15mph for ALL vehicles on our roads. With all the hills and curves on our roads it is very difficult to see those who are walking, biking, playing on and around the roads. This includes motorized bikes and ATV's. Ride single file, not two abreast and be aware of the other vehicles on the roads. Wear a helmet. Pass this information on to your visiting friends and family.
- Please keep all dogs on a leash.
- Please do not use LaFraugh barn drive to transport your pontoon.
- Please inform the Secretary of any change of address you may have and give us an email address if you have one to cut down on postage costs. Secretary contact information at negauneelake.org or on return label of this letter. Email addresses are not published and you can choose not to have your phone number included on the published NLA directory.
- Lake traffic moves counter clockwise (to the right – just like driving a car), and is subject to all state boating laws.

NLA gravel/stone resources are for the maintenance of NLA roads and infrastructure only. There are many providers in the area to contact for resources to be used on your personal property.

Please remember to make your guests aware of any of the above information as you are responsible for their actions while visiting Negaunee Lake.

Check the www.negauneelake.org website for contact information and more. Enjoy your summer and hope to see you at the Picnic!

2014 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. Your 2014 dues include \$7,011.96 for road maintenance 8/1/2012-7/31/2013.

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 enclosed \$ _____

FISH FUND DONATION enclosed \$ _____

PERMISSION TO INCLUDE your phone number on handout available to members:

Name _____

Lake Address _____

Phone number _____

Please *PROVIDE EMAIL ADDRESS* – not to be shared _____