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Citizens League**

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Spring 2016

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2016 Summer Events

Monday, May 30 - 9th Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast (9:00 - 11:30 am)

Saturday, June 11 - 5th Annual WLCL Fishing Tournament (7:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Saturday, June 18 - 5th Annual USCG Vessel Safety Checks (by reservation only)

Saturday, June 25 - 7th Annual White Lake Home Tour

Saturday, July 2 - Annual Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display
(Boat parade starts at 2:15 pm. Fireworks start at dusk)

President's Corner

A major accomplishment of 2015 was the dredging of the circular canal off the North Bay. This was identified, along with other dredging requirements and weed control, in the 1986 Lake Quality Report. That report was required to support the formation of the White Lake Improvement Board. Last year's dredging project was completed one year ahead of schedule and under budget. Placing buoys marking sunken island and the entrance to the newly dredged canal was the number 1 priority identified in a survey of lake residents, and we hope to have final government approval to install these shortly.

This year we again will start off with a great Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. This will be followed by an even more spectacular 4th of July Fireworks Show and Boat Parades on July 2nd. There will be Coast Guard boat inspections, a Fishing Tournament, a Home Tour, and a membership drive. There will also be my favorite - Sailboat Races. Look for

me ... I'm the one who often sails with the sail pointed down!

For the 7th year, we will continue to contract with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit for Summer patrols on the lake. These patrols continue to make our lake a safer environment for boaters and families.

Most of what I have discussed is explained in more detail in other articles within this newsletter. I would like to thank all of the Directors and volunteers for making 2015 a great year, and 2016 an even better one. I would also like to thank our elected officials listed in the dredging article for their invaluable help in getting that job done. Lastly, I would like to thank you for your support of all of the activities on the lake.

Tom De Santis

White Lake Citizens League President

WLCL 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

**WLCL
MEETINGS
are open
to everyone,
and are
held the on the
4th Wednesday
of each month
(except November
December,
and January).**

LOCATION*

**White Lake
Township Offices
7525 Highland Rd.
7:00 PM**

2016 MEETING DATES

Mar 23, 2016

Apr 27, 2016

May 25, 2016

Jun 22, 2016

Jul 27, 2016

Aug 24, 2016

Sep 28, 2016

*NOTE:

**Some meetings
may be held at an
alternate location.**

**Watch
www.wlcl.org, the
facebook page,
and your e-mail
for details.**

DREDGING PROJECT

One of our most significant accomplishments in 2015 was the completion of the dredging project in the North Bay. (There is still some site landscaping and the placement of buoys marking the new channel to be completed, and some deferred payments to be made.) The area is once again open to navigation, and residents (and all lake boaters) will enjoy much-improved access this year. Remember that planning work for this project began way back in 2010. (Actually, the initial commitment was made back in 1986!)

We are extremely grateful to our dredging contractor, Gro America, for its excellent work and guidance, which helped us complete this project under budget and a year ahead of schedule.

We would like to thank nearby homeowners John and Connie Hill, Milan Reeder and Mishell McCann, and Rick Woodworth, for offering the use of their land during the project. We extend our utmost gratitude to Michigan State Senator Mike Kowall, Michigan State Representative Jim Runestad, Oakland County Commissioner Eileen

Kowall, and Rick DeVisch from the Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Office, who offered their constant availability and support.

None of this work would have happened without the tireless efforts of Patte Day, project manager and head of the Dredging Oversight Committee. Other valued committee members included Mike Wachsberg (who assisted us in all legal aspects), Walt Koziol (our representative to the White Lake Improvement Board and whose continued efforts kept us well under budget), Chris Kurowski (who chaired previous dredging projects), Jack Butler, Bob Parrett, Bob Pisoni, and Bill Scanlon.

Our mere words can not adequately thank WLCL President Tom DeSantis, who with the utmost professionalism, made it his mission to see that the 1986 commitment be finally fulfilled by assembling and guiding this incredible group throughout this entire process.

Finally, thanks to all of YOU, who supported this project through your Special Assessment District funds.

HOME TOUR

As long as we are able to find enough homes, the 7th Annual White Lake Home Tour will be held on Saturday, June 25th this year. As in the past, the tour will consist of a pontoon boat ride to each of the homes, wine and cheese on the boat, and guided tours of each of the homes. All proceeds benefit the WLCL fireworks.

Tickets this year will again be sold by lottery, announced in the e-newsletter and on the website (along with pictures of the homes on the tour), as the time gets closer. If you are willing to help by showing off your home this year to make this significant fund raiser happen, contact hometour@wlcl.org.

FISHING

The 5th Annual WLCL Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 11th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Registration starts at 6:00 am at the White Lake Inn, with a \$20.00 entry fee per boat. There is no limit to the number of fishermen on a boat, but the boat owner must be a resident on White Lake. Cash prizes will be awarded based on the largest combined weight of 3 fish per boat. All of the details and rules will be available on the website. This day is part of a Michigan Free Fishing Weekend, so anyone can participate without buying a license.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The 9th Annual WLCL Pancake Breakfast will be held on Monday, May 30th beginning at 9:00 AM. This has become a great social event and our official kick-off to Summer. We're proud of the fact that since its commencement, the cost of \$6.00 per person has remained the same. The growth in our community, along with the expanded

participation of our members, have made this event a true success. Occasionally we have experienced some delays in getting the breakfast out in the timely fashion we once did, but we feel strongly that the event itself is well worth any wait you may experience.

Our volunteers would like to thank you for your participation and patience. We'd also like to thank the White Lake Inn for their continued support, and encourage you to join us on their deck at Noon for our Memorial Day Flag Ceremony, accompanied by a beautiful rendition of TAPS. Please join us in honoring all those who have sacrificed their lives for us and this great country of ours,

"YOUR VOTE COUNTS"

In celebration of our nation's presidential elections this year, we plan to hold our own "primary elections"... YOU will get the chance to suggest possible themes for this year's boat parade, and then vote for your favorite! Watch the electronic newsletters for details.

NEW ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Thanks to our growing number of members, and your support with additional donations, we are starting to explore new activities that the WLCL can support to enhance our experience of living on White Lake. 176 people responded to the "Lake Experience Enhancement Survey" that we conducted last September. Your top choices in that survey included: Buoys on the Sunken Island (90 votes), Winter carnival (77 votes), Plowed Winter Track around the lake for cross country skiing and skating (60 votes), and Winter Fireworks Show (54 votes). You can see all of the results from the survey on our website.

We are actively pursuing approvals to install buoys to mark the Sunken Island and the newly-dredged channel from the North Bay. We hope to be able to install these this Spring.

Planning was well underway for our "First Annual White Lake Winter Carnival" last January. However... as you might remember, Mother Nature had plans of her own! Don't worry, we had lots of good ideas, and now have lots of time to plan even better activities for next Winter.

We're still looking at several of the ideas and Summer activities proposed in the survey. If you would like to volunteer to work on one or more of the ideas from the survey, send an e-mail to communication@wlcl.org.

LAKE SAFETY AND COURTESY

Michigan law requires all traffic on all inland lakes to proceed in a counter-clockwise direction. There are several areas on our lake where failure to follow this rule can present a significant safety hazard to boaters towing skiers and tubes. This is probably the top concern we hear from lake residents, followed closely by the failure to maintain a "Slow, No Wake Speed" within 100 feet

of shorelines, any moored or anchored vessel, a dock or raft, or any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water. Check out the "Boating Safety & Regulations" page on the website for links to many of the Michigan regulations regarding boating on inland lakes.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the White Lake Citizens League will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at the White Lake Township offices. An important part of this meeting is the nomination and election of residents to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors. Any resident who is interested in serving on the Board of Directors is encouraged to contact President Tom De Santis by e-mail at president@wlcl.org or by calling the Hotline (248-887-5658). Residents who are 2016 members of the WLCL are eligible to vote at the meeting. Full details are in the Bylaws of the WLCL, which are available on the "Publications" page of the website.

Vessel Safety Inspections

On Saturday, June 18th the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will once again conduct Vessel Safety Checks on your watercraft at various locations around the lake. Upon passing the inspection, you will receive a 2016 VSC decal to place on your boat, alerting the sheriff patrols and others that your vessel has been inspected and has been found to be in full compliance with all federal and state boating laws.

For a complete list of inspection requirements, visit the "Boating Safety & Regulations" page of the website. In past years, this free program has booked up quickly, so we encourage all paid 2016 WLCL members to take advantage of this service by sending an e-mail to dnrliaison@wlcl.org.

Weed Treatment

Our lake weed treatment applicator has applied to the DEQ to use Fluoridone (Sonar) in treating our lake this year. In the past, this treatment has been very effective in reducing "nuisance weeds" (particularly Eurasian Milfoil and Curly-Leafed Pondweed), both in the treatment year and in the year following the treatment. It was last used in White Lake in 2008. As usual, notices will be posted on every affected property prior to the treatments. The e-newsletter and Facebook page will be used to communicate additional details as the treatments are closer.

As always, we encourage you to call the Hotline (248-887-5658) if you have specific weed or water quality concerns near your property any time during the Summer.

A BIG THANK YOU to these local businesses who supported the WLCL in 2015!

An updated list is always available on the "Community Businesses" page of the website. Many of the businesses also have a link to their website there.

Abe's Storage

10433 N. Holly Road
Holly, MI 48442
(810) 694-7707

American Marine Shore Control

6777 East Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-7855

Americana Design Company Inc.

2961 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48386
(248) 889-1688

Aqua Weed Control, Inc.

414 Hadley Street
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8388

AR Canopies, LLC

3390 Clarice Street E
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 980-7884

Timothy A. Brendel Excavating

5450 Grass Lake Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-2116

Classic Design Concepts

28266 Beck Rd.
Wixom, MI, 48393
624-7997

The Dako Group

2966 Industrial Row Drive
Troy, MI, 48084
(248) 655-0100

Discount Battery

2977 Dixie Highway
Waterford, MI 48328
(248) 674-2565

Exclusive Hardwood Flooring

2045 E Commerce Road
Commerce Township, MI 48382
(248) 363-9933

Exclusive Floor Covering

2967 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 889-4350

Famous Market

9610 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48386
(248) 698-3958

Formula For Fitness

White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 787-2853

Graceland Party Shoppe Inc.

7505 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 698-1070

Harmony Pizza

734 W. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48357
(248) 714-5599

**Highland Auto Repair
& Tire Center**

7421 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-2944

Highland Hills Golf Club

2075 Oakland Drive
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-4481

Highland House Restaurant

2630 Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-4161

Jay-Cor Candle Company

3580 Reserve Court
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 939-1408

Jet's Pizza

401 Nordic Drive
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 889-0011

Kothari Business Consulting

2100 Duck Lake Road
Highland, MI 48356
889-8244

Lakes Area Glass

312 W. Commerce Road
Milford, MI, 48381
(248) 684-7550

The Little Store

3544 Jackson Blvd.
Highland, MI 48356
529-6991

Loony Baker

2948 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
529-6644

**Lynch & Associates/Itasca
Outdoors**

2998 Summit Drive
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 889-0101

Marine Concepts of Michigan, LLC

775 N. Milford Road
Highland, MI 48357
(248) 933-2876

MaxG Technology, LLC

2591 Ridge Road
White Lake, MI 48383
917-7206

The Michigan Property Network

376 Beach Farm Circle, #1088
Highland, MI 48357
(248) 872-4339

The Mitchell Team, Inc.

560 N. Milford Road
Milford, MI 48381
(248) 467-1185

Omni Medical Supply, Inc.

4153 Pioneer Drive
Walled Lake, MI 48390
(800) 860-6664

Roof-Rite Roofing, Inc.

1036 Benstein Road,
Suite 107
Walled Lake, MI 48390
(248) 668-9151

Sparkies Bar and Grill

2868 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-2610

**Stanton Business
Forms, Inc.**

4400 Duck Lake Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-7000

**Tool Time Equipment
Rentals and Sales**

1320 N. Milford Road
Highland, MI 48357 (248)
889-7368

VFW Post 9914

3200 Duck Lake Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-9914

Waterfall Jewelers

340 Town Center Blvd.
White Lake, MI 48386
(877) 884-4000

White Lake Inn

3955 Ormond Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-1818

Wine Basket Market

3542 Duck Lake Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-1921

Woodward Auto

45671 Woodward Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48341
(248) 334-6400

*Businesses donating \$50 or more to the WLCL are listed here and on the website. To add your business, please use the special **Business Contribution Form**, which is available at www.wlcl.org/business.shtml.*

If your business would like to set up a promotion to benefit the WLCL, send an email to communication@wlcl.org

2016 Membership Dues and Contributions

Membership dues and General Fund contributions should be remitted now. The annual membership dues are \$25 per household. General Fund donations go to our annual firework show and board approved activities/expenses. Please donate generously and support our activities!

Mail to: WLCL, PO Box 851, Highland, MI 48356 (*envelope enclosed*)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

(to receive e-mail newsletters, also click the "Subscribe" link on the website)

Membership Fee \$25 + Fireworks/General Fund Donation \$ _____ = \$ _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Tour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Beautification | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | |

Please make checks payable to WLCL

BUSINESS DONATIONS: Please send separately from household membership dues, and clearly indicate your business name on the check. A special form is available on the website. Businesses donating \$50.00 or more will be listed on the website and in the Current newsletter.



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Let's start the 2016 WLCL Membership Drive with some big thank-you's: Thank-you to all of our lake residents and neighbors, who contributed with generous memberships and additional donations. With 343 paid memberships, 2015 was our best year ever! Thank-you to our diligent Block Captains for canvassing their neighborhoods to collect dues and deliver the flags. Finally, a special thank-you to Carol and Gary Webb for their 7 years of dedication coordinating the Block Captains for the membership drive. Their efforts helped to increase our membership from 205 in 2007 to our record of 343 in 2015. Their cheerful energy encouraged us all.

The boat flags were such a great hit last year that we will give them to 2016 members again this year - with a new color and design, of course! We hope to top our numbers again.

We are also having a Memorial Day drawing for a special gift this year. All members who have paid

their 2016 dues by the end of day on May 30th will be eligible to win a lovely wood sculpture of White Lake made by a local artist. The sculpture will be on display at the Pancake Breakfast. The winner will be notified during the following week.

Membership dues are still just \$25. We also would appreciate a few more Block Captain volunteers for this year. Contact the 2016 Membership Drive Coordinator Linda Reid (membership@wlcl.org) if you can help out.

We hope to see you out on the lake soon with your flags flying!



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WHITE LAKE RESIDENTS**

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KEEPING INFORMED

Since this printed newsletter is only mailed once a year, there are several other ways you can receive information about White Lake activities, programs, and concerns during the rest of the year:

- Our periodic-mail newsletter is currently sent to almost 520 e-mail addresses. (You don't need to be a member of the WLCL to receive these e-mails.) If you're not receiving these e-mails, click on the "Subscribe" link at the bottom of the home page of the website. If you used to receive these e-mails but haven't seen one for a while, you may have changed addresses, or they may be landing in your "Spam" or "Junk" folder. (If you're not sure, enter your e-mail address in that same "Subscribe" link and it will indicate if you're already registered.)
- Our Facebook page has over 345 followers. Click on the "follow us on Facebook" box on the left side of the website, or enter "WLCL" in the search field at the top of your own Facebook page to find our page (then click the "Like" button in the banner at the top of the page to follow us. You don't even need to have a Facebook account to view this page!)
- Of course, the website (www.wlcl.org) continues to grow and provide residents and visitors with a wealth of information about the lake and area resources. If you haven't visited it lately, check out what's new! We always welcome your suggestions for improvements and additional information.