

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

April 16, 2022

Hello Friends and Neighbors,



I am so happy spring is here and here's how I know it is: **the boats are coming out, the sun is occasionally peeking out, the sandhill cranes are 'getting busy' (boy are they noisy), the days are longer, the flowers are popping out just a bit and the rain just keeps on coming!!!**

HELLO SPRING!!! We LOVE what you're about to bring us!!!

I have seen fishermen casting their rods, pontoons cruising the lakes, swans nesting and the loon quietly floating through the channel. Needless to say, I know we are all more than ready to join in on some of that long-awaited lake fun! I'm sure you're wondering when Mother Nature is going to give us more than a tease of sunshine so we can all do just that... I am confident it will be soon!

I only have a little new information to share this month but I also want to recap some of last month's important news. Please remember, if you have anything you would like to share such as ideas for social events or lake concerns, or you simply want to listen to what the board is up to in person; you are encouraged and more than welcome to come to the board meetings. The next one will be **Monday, May 9th at 6:30 pm at Camp Greenwood.**

Our **Social Dinner** is coming up fast and will be at the Water Tower & Grille @ **Candlestone Golf Course, Belding, on Tuesday, April 19th at 6pm. We will be giving out TWO Candlestone gift certificates in a drawing to two lucky winners!** So if you don't want to miss out, RSVP Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or text her at 616 213-8247. **BUT HURRY!!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR KIDS AGES 12 to 16 (and your parents):

In support of keeping our lakes safe and enjoyable, we are encouraging all kids between the ages of 12 and 16 to take a boaters safety class this spring. The **online** boater's safety Official Michigan Boating Safety Course can be accessed through, www.michigan.gov or click <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/> You can also search for boaters' safety classes in Kent County at <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/safety-certificate>. The course is \$29.50.

The WCLA Board has agreed to give each young person between the ages of 12 and 16 that completes the class between now and June 1st a \$15.00 Amazon Gift Card!!! Your parents must be lake association members who have paid their dues for the 2022 year and you must complete the course by June 1st. Submit proof of passing your course by emailing a copy of your boater's safety card to davidsonwendi@gmail.com by June 2nd. Please include your mailing address so I know where to mail the gift card. The Amazon gift cards will be mailed by June 30th. **Parents, this is something we strongly encourage your kids to take. It's easy and gives them so much important information on how to be safe on the lakes.**

The **Golf Outing** will be July 30th this year and will have the same format as last year. Tom Stressman is

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looking for volunteers to help him with the event. Please let Tom know if you can help: tmstressman@gmail.com or 616-293-3807.

The super fun **Kayak Poker Event** is currently scheduled for July 23rd. More details to follow at a later date.

The **Meal Train** is always available to help you in the event of illness or injury. Your friends and neighbors are here to help! Please contact Mara Iteen at iteenmm@yahoo.com or text 616 255-6081. Even if you only need a few days of meals, the Meal Train is here for you!

Please remember there is a hazardous area as you are coming through the channel between Banks and Thomas Lake. You can't see it very well from your boat. Keep to the right if you are coming from Thomas and heading into Banks. Keep to the left if you are heading into Thomas from Banks. We will be adding reflectors to the camp side (opposite the firepit area) as a reminder to keep to the side with reflectors. Thank you, Jake and Camp Greenwood Board, for supporting and allowing us to put the reflectors up. They will be coming soon! The committee is working on other ways we can make this area safer so boaters don't get stuck.

Remember the Board Meeting Minutes are published in the Waterline for your late-night reading pleasure!

Don't forget to pay your dues please! It's a small price to pay to keep our lakes safe and support the fun events we want everyone to enjoy! You can pay on-line at: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues>

Let's all keep trying to stay happy and healthy with some physical activity and good eats! Here is your healthy recipe of the month. HAPPY EASTER!

Respectfully,

Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

Cilantro Lime Shrimp & Avocado Salad
Courtesy of @kaleifornia_kravings

Super simple and great for summer!

1 lb. precooked shrimp, chopped	¼ cup cilantro, finely chopped
½ cup tomatoes, chopped	3 limes, juiced
1-2 avocados, diced	Salt & pepper, to taste
¼ cup red onion, finely chopped	

1. Add your chopped shrimp, tomatoes, avocado, onion and cilantro in a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Add lime juice and toss to coat.
2. Place salad in the fridge to chill until you're ready to eat! (If meal prepping, keep the avocado separate until you're ready to eat.)

ENJOY!

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