

The Waterline

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Tom Stressman, WCLA President

Greetings Everyone,

Summer has arrived!

This is my favorite time of year! I love sitting on the deck or being on the water watching everyone enjoy the awesome resources we have in our community. Unfortunately, the corona virus has put a damper on some lake activities this year as most have been cancelled or rescheduled, but once this is over, I'm hoping we can get back to those activities that bring us together.

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during these uncertain times. Living here during the stay-at-home order hasn't been too bad though. I can still sit on the deck drinking my coffee in the morning while enjoying nature, and there has been plenty of time to get projects done around the house that I have been putting off.

What's new? We have a new website design, thanks to our awesome board members! And you can now pay your membership dues online! You can find out more about these 2 projects in this issue. Huge thanks to Scott Hutchison and Gloria Gibson for all the time and energy put into these projects!

Please be extra kind to one another in these trying times and look out for your neighbors as some might need your help.

The association is always looking to get members involved in the activities and events available each year. So, if you would like to participate or volunteer, please attend a meeting or just contact a lake rep.

Please remember to keep up to date on lakes happenings on WCLA Facebook or the website at <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/>

As always, stay safe everyone and I'll see you on the water soon!

Tom (Uncle Tom) Stressman
WCLA President

2020 WCLA Board Meeting

Dates:

Next meeting:

Mon, July 13, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Camp Greenwood



<https://www.facebook.com/Woodbeck-Chain-of-Lakes-Association-133309000037956/>

WCLA MEMEBERSHIP DUES E-PAYMENT OPTION!

You can now pay your annual membership dues on-line using a PayPal account or credit card. We went live on March 14, 2020! Many took advantage of this new process as we were not visiting our local PO Box to pick up paid memberships due to our Stay-at-Home Executive Order, and it worked great.

Two ways to pay your Membership dues:

1st way- PayPal or credit card: visit our WCLA website, by clicking on the following link:

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues> or

2nd way- Good ole fashion way...by mail. Click on the following link for the Membership Enrollment Form and mailing address.

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues>

A huge Thank You to Scott Hutchison and Gloria Gibson for tackling this project amidst the corona virus pandemic.

Click here to see if you have paid your 2020 Membership Dues: (paid list also found at the end)

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/paid-membership-list-2020>





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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-3213014>



In the fall of 2019 Greenwood Ministries Association kicked off a million-dollar capital campaign to raise funds for the purchase of Camp Greenwood from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. Your help is still needed.

See attached brochure for details



Do you Remember?

A summer camp has an effect that lasts your entire lifetime. Do you remember going to summer camp as a child? Do you remember being one with nature as you realize the glory of God through the rustling of the trees and the scurry of animals in the forest? Do you remember your first time floating in a canoe?

Most people remember times like these because of the profound affect it had on their lives and their relationship with God and nature. It shapes us to become the person we are today.

Help preserve these memories for the next generation.



Our Mission

We are a group of individuals working together and being led by God to grow a 21st Century ministry where all can learn more and more fully the joy of being Christian.

This Christian experience includes spiritual growth, environmental stewardship, human development and service to our neighbors

Camp Greenwood
13564 McChlain St
Grosse Pointe, MI 49326
campgreenwood.org




Fundraising Campaign

Thank you for supporting Camp Greenwood



Help us preserve the camp for the next Generation

We are excited about the future of Camp Greenwood. Over the next two years, we have the opportunity to raise funds toward the purchase of the camp from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. We are asking for your help so we can continue to provide the kind of camping experiences we were fortunate to have growing up. If we cannot buy the camp, it will in all likelihood be sold to developers.

We are at the beginning of a one million dollar capital campaign to complete this purchase. The important work of raising these funds can only be accomplished with generous donations from supporters such as you. We have the opportunity to grow this camp and update existing buildings, including a desperately needed new roof for the dining hall. With your help, we can protect Camp Greenwood as a place of natural refuge and faith renewal.

Please Donate

Your donation will ensure Camp Greenwood remains a summer camp for the next generation.

Thank you for helping the children

- \$120 per year (\$10 per month)
- \$360 per year (\$30 per month)
- \$600 per year (\$50 per month)
- \$1,200 per year (\$100 per month)
- \$3,000 per year (\$250 per month)
- \$6,000 per year (\$500 per month)

Other Donation Amount: _____

Please make this a monthly donation

Total Donation: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

You can also donate on line at <http://campgreenwood.org/Donate>

Make checks payable to: Greenwood Ministries Association

Mailed to: Camp Greenwood
13564 McChlain St Grosse Pointe, MI 49326

Kindy Boat Launch Update by Don Hoogerhyde, Chairman, Signs and Boat Launch

At the February 2020 WCLA board meeting, the board approved the funding to replace the Kindy boat launch dock. The new dock is all aluminum so it won't rot, 16 ft. long versus 10 ft. and has bumpers on it to protect boats when using the dock.

The new dock was installed the morning of May 2, by Ed Armbruster, Don Hoogerhyde, Bruce Veldman and Ron Trumble. The biggest challenge for these guys was floating the dock out in the deeper water and setting the poles in place. Thank you guys!

Also, thanks to Tom Meyer for helping with the clean-up of the old dock and the excellent supervisory help!

Attached are pictures of the new dock and the installation team.



New Kindy Rd dock installed May 2020

Change - 2020 WCLA Paid Membership Cards...

Just a quick reminder...In the past as we processed paid membership forms in our database, we automatically generated membership cards to all. This year ONLY WCLA members who live on the Northern lakes (those north of the MacClain bridge) will be the only ones receiving membership cards by mail.

This change has taken place because membership cards are needed at Camp Concordia to access the boat launch. There is no such requirement for the Kindy Ave boat launch.

If you are unsure if your dues are paid for 2020, please go to link below for the most updated list.
http://www.woodbeckchainoflakes.com/docs/membership_list.pdf

SOCIAL GET TOGETHERS

Our social get togethers have been postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus and social distancing restrictions placed on our restaurants.

We've all missed our social gatherings, catching up with everyone while enjoying a good meal and drinks. Let's hope restrictions are lifted soon so we can resume our get togethers soon.

Our new baby swans born April/May 2020



Boat Launch Code – Process

Just a reminder... boat launch gate code, at both Kindy Ave and Camp Concordia boat launches changes every month beginning April through October... So plan ahead... If you are a paid member, the process is that you are now receiving the boat launch code via email! So make sure I have your correct email address and check your email at the end of each month for the latest code.

Here is the link to Camp Concordia's boat launch schedule for 2020...plan ahead and view their website for updated schedule dates and instructions before your launch: You may need to copy and paste the link to your browser.

<http://www.campconcordia.org/wcla-information.html>

2020 WCLA Boat Launch Use Dates at Camp Concordia

(always check Camp Concordia's website for updated changes)

<http://www.campconcordia.org/wcla-information.html>

The boat launch at Camp Concordia is NOT open to the general public. Camp Concordia (CC) is a non-profit children's summer camp. Church groups, school groups and family reunions who are registered guests at Camp Concordia will schedule times to put in and remove their boats - but access is limited for the safety of children.

The Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association (WCLA) has a special agreement with Camp Concordia to assist members in getting their boats in and out of the lakes. **CC does NOT get paid for WCLA members using camp's private land.** It is offered as a neighborly gesture to WCLA paid members who **follow the procedures as requested.** Donations to continue this relationship are appreciated and are even tax-deductible.

You must be a WCLA paid member to access their launch.

WCLA NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

Who would have thought at my age I would be given the task of rebuilding our website (I'm retired!). Our old website, hosted by Marty Scheel, was, well that, old! It used "code" to update and became very problematic and Marty was ready and happy to pass the baton.

Well I, Gloria, took the challenge and spent weeks and many long hours during our stay-at-home EO adding information, transferring a lot of our historic content, creating and editing the site, adding photos, creating links and pdf's. I never knew anything about creating a website and quickly got on YouTube to educate myself quickly.

But this would not have happened if not for Scott Hutchison to help me through the process and taught me the in's and out's of a website and playing a major part in it's creation. Now we have a website that is easy to keep up with, easy to update and we created a go to site where you can find almost everything all in one place. But it's still a work in progress so always refresh, "reload the page" to obtain any updates I've added. (something I didn't know). This is what the button looks like:



Scott and I are pretty proud of the WCLA website. Please take a moment to visit the site and maneuver through all the tabs such as the Home Page, Communications, Boating Safety & Educ, Membership, Pay Dues, Our Lakes, Contact Us and Sponsors tabs. Each tab has numerous information and content. I've thought of other things I want to add such as the history of our lakes. If anybody out there has historical information or pictures, please forward them to me.

Click below for the WCLA website. You can access the website using your smart phone, computer, or Ipad:

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/>

Thank you, Scott, for all your help!!!

COVID-19 IS NOT KEEPING ELVIS AWAY!

You've all been patient, staying home, being safe and now ready for some entertainment...Jay, "Elvis", will make his appearance on:

**Saturday, July 4th at 2:00 p.m.
Woodbeck Lake – south shore**

Our 5 lakes community are all welcomed to come and be entertained by Jay, an Elvis impersonator.



WCLA 6TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING IS ON!

Social distancing protocols have been put in place for your protection. Sign up your team at the Golf Emporium or call Norm directly at 616-799-2425.

**6th ANNUAL
2020 WOODBECK CHAIN OF LAKES
4-PERSON SCRAMBLE**

**CANDLESTONE GOLF & RESORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST 2020
2:00 P.M. SHOTGUN START registration 1:00 p.m.
\$50 per person
18 holes + Barbeque lunch + Awards**

Official bragging rights for winners (includes trophy)
**PRIZES: 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 10TH, 20TH
LONG DRIVES! CLOSES TO PINS!
AND A FEW OTHER THINGS YOU'VE NEVER
THOUGHT OF!**

**SIGN UP AND PAY FOR YOUR TEAM AT
THE GOLF EMPORIUM**

**"SINGLES WELCOME! NORM WILL PAIR YOU UP"
FRIENDS AND GUESTS WELCOMED
ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, CALL
NORM DAVIDSON
616-799-2425**

SUMMER PARTY...HOSTED BY:

Kirk & Liana Maxon
Brian & Amy Petersen
Mike & Danell Merren

Once again, all 5 lakes are invited to attend this lake party hosted by the three families noted above. Come and join the fun...hand sanitizer table set and social distancing will be encouraged. The hosts are providing the food.

Date – Friday, August 21st

Time – Food served at 7 pm (bring your own beverage)

Live band: Sonimanic plays from 8 pm to Midnight

Where – The Maxon's
(12420 Holly Lane, Horseshoe Lake)

BOATING LAWS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

This is a friendly reminder that you are responsible for knowing your rights and responsibilities when operating a boat or PWC on our beautiful lakes.

- 1. PERSONS UNDER 12 MAY ONLY OPERATE A BOAT** with 6 horsepower or less.
- 2. PERSONS 12 AND OVER** may operate a boat with a motor of 6 horsepower or more – but no greater than 35 horsepower IF:
 - a. They have been issued a boating certificate (keep it on board), and;
 - b. Are directly supervised by a person 16 years of age or older.
 - c. They may not operate any boat powered by over 35 horsepower motor.
- 3. PERSONS BORN on or after July 1, 1996** – may only operate a boat legally if they have been issued a boating safety certificate (keep it on board).
- 4. PERSONS BORN before July 1, 1996 may operate a boat without a boaters safety certificate.**

Personal Watercraft (PWC)

- 5. PERSONS UNDER 14** may not legally operate a PWC.
- 6. PERSONS 14 and 15** may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and...
 - a. He or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian or...
 - b. He or she is operating or riding the PWC, at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.
- 7. PERSONS 16 years of age WHO WERE born after December 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.**
- 8. PERSONS born on or before December 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally without a boaters safety certificate.**

FOR MORE INFO SEE: <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/>

Unlawful and Dangerous Operation

Michigan law designates these dangerous operating practices as illegal.

Reckless Operation of a vessel or reckless manipulation of water skis, a surfboard, or similar device is defined as operation which disregards the safety or rights of others or endangers the person or property of others.

Some examples are:

- Weaving your vessel through congested waterway traffic or swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision
- Jumping the wake of another vessel unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is restricted
- Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife with your vessel
- Causing damage from the wake of your vessel

Failure To Regulate Speed is operating a vessel at speeds that may cause danger to life or property of any other person or at speeds that will not permit you to bring your vessel to a safe stop. It is illegal to operate a vessel:

- In excess of 55 mph unless you are at least one mile offshore on the Great Lakes or Lake St. Clair
- At greater than “slow, no wake speed” when a person is in the bow of a vessel without proper seating
- Faster than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions (weather, vessel traffic, etc.)

Improper Distance is not maintaining a proper distance while operating a vessel or towing a person. To maintain a proper distance when you are operating at greater than “slow, no wake speed” (except in channels that are not posted), the vessel or persons being towed must not be within 100 feet of:

- A shoreline (if operating in water less than three feet deep)
- Any moored or anchored vessel
- A dock or raft

Requirements Specific for PWCs

- Each person riding on or being towed behind a PWC must wear a U.S. Coast Guard–approved wearable Type I, II, or III PFD. Inflatable PFDs may not be used.
- You may not allow a child under 7 years of age to ride on or be towed behind a PWC unless with a parent or guardian or designee of the parent or guardian.
- The lanyard of a PWC's ignition safety switch must be attached to the person, clothing, or PFD of the operator.

It is illegal to operate a PWC during the period that begins at sunset and ends at 8:00 a.m. “Sunset” means that time determined by the national weather service.

PWCs must be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner at all times. It is illegal to:

- Jump the wake of another vessel unnecessarily close to the other vessel.
- Weave your PWC through congested traffic.
- Swerve at the last possible moment to avoid collision.
- A PWC must be operated at “slow, no wake speed” if crossing within 150 feet behind another vessel unless the other vessel is also a PWC.
- You may not operate a PWC within 200 feet of a Great Lakes shoreline unless traveling at “slow, no wake speed” perpendicular to the shoreline.
- You may not operate a PWC in waters less than two feet deep unless you are operating at “slow, no wake speed” or are docking or launching your PWC.
- It is illegal to harass wildlife or disturb aquatic vegetation with your PWC.

Requirements for Towing Skiers

- Every person being towed behind a vessel on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device must wear a U.S. Coast Guard–approved wearable Type I, II, or III PFD. Inflatable PFDs may not be used.
- Every vessel towing a person(s) on water skis, a surfboard, or a similar device must have a person on board, in addition to the vessel operator, observing the towed person(s) at all times.
- It is legal to tow persons on water skis, surfboards, or any device of this type only between:
 - One hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset if towed behind a boat
 - 8:00 a.m. and sunset if towed behind a PWC
- Persons being towed must stay at least 100 feet away from:
 - A shoreline (if operating in water less than three feet deep)
 - Any moored or anchored vessel
 - A dock or raft
 - Any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water

FOR MORE INFO SEE: <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/>

IMPORTANT...please make sure to share this information with your family and guests

Boater Courtesy

Along with State Boating Laws and Responsibilities comes **Common Boating Courtesy**. While these are not laws - they are common courtesy's we appreciate all members following:

1. **Be mindful when Launching:**
 - a. Proper launching and docking techniques are essential knowledge for any watercraft owner. Knowing your launch area, keep the process efficient and courteous to other boaters, and practice safety to keep people and property safe! You are legally responsible for any damage to persons or property!
2. **Watch the Activity on the Lakes:**
 - a. When the lakes are very busy with activity, consider waiting to water ski, jet ski or even boat until there is less activity.
 - b. Boat counter-clockwise so as to avoid any confusion!
3. **Watch the Wake:**
 - a. While you're blissfully cruising away, your vessel is kicking up waves, otherwise known as wake. Those waves might be fun if you're a surfer or a wake boarder, but for other boaters, they can be annoying and potentially even dangerous — a speeding vessel's wake may cause damage to other boats and even injure passengers. It's important to be mindful of the wake your boat creates, particularly if other boats are nearby!
 - b. **Stay away from shore if creating wake!** This is causing terrible erosion to our shorelines and seawalls. Be mindful of the destruction your wake can cause.
 - c. **Never go through a channel with a wake.**
4. **Keep it Clean:**
 - a. Be careful when refueling not to spill into the water. Check fuel lines and tanks and have a spill kit on hand.
 - b. Never, ever throw your trash into the water. (It's also helpful to pick up any other trash you may see, particularly in the water.) Collect it and dispose of it properly when you're shoreside.

We can all have a happy, SAFE summer if you follow common courtesy while on the lakes.



This was damage to a concrete seawall on Woodbeck Lake caused by boaters speeding by too close to shore.

LOVE YOUR LAKE, WATCH YOUR WAVE...you are responsible for your wake

Our high-water level this Spring and now coming into our summer months brought out many complaints from our lake community concerned about the erosion of their shoreline where excessive wakes from boat motors and personal watercraft would exacerbate shoreline erosion and create an unsafe environment for swimming and wading.

One big complaint and concern from our homeowners was about the wakeboard boats,

What is a Wakeboard Boat: Generally speaking, wakeboard specific boats are V-drive boats. This means they are an inboard boat with the engine placed backwards in the rear of the boat. This is done to keep more weight in the back of the boat and make the wake larger. Some wakeboard specific boat models are direct drive boats where the engine is in the middle of the boat. Most wakeboard boats will have several features that help to create large wakes. Ballast is a simple term for weight. When wakeboard boats have ballast tanks, it means that they have room for extra weight to weigh the boat down for larger wakes. Using a combination of ballast tanks and underwater foils, wakesurf boats leave an ocean breaker-size wave high enough for surfers to ride on a board free of any attachment to the boat.

The problem is that those big waves tend to keep on going long after someone has surfed on them, with the potential to damage docks, moored boats and shoreline property. Fortunately, most problems can be avoided with a little common sense.

Attached you will find an article featured in the Great Lakes Scuttlebutt Magazine, July & August 2019 Summer Issue entitled WAKE IMPACTS. The article discusses the impact on shorelines and offers etiquette tips.

Click here for Wake Impacts article:
<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/0ad99711-8edf-4e99-92db-f9f2f0ed4b00/downloads/Wake%20Impacts.pdf?ver=1591799069192>

In addition, the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association has a link on their website of a recent webinar held on April 24, 2020 on wakeboats called "Enhanced Wake Watercraft Impacts on Lakes", hosted by [Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates](#). They were joined by a researcher from the University of Minnesota and one of the cofounders of [SafeWakes for Minnesota Lakes](#).

It's an hour webinar which educates us on the concerns the wakeboards make and talks about Boat-generated wave impacts: Relevant studies & research needs. Some concerns are:

- Environmental damage to water bodies
- Erosion of shorelines
- Disturbance of fish & wildlife and their habitat
- Physical damage to docks, lifts, moored boats
- Impacts on property values & quality of life
- Safety of swimmers, especially children
- Boat wake can churn up sediments in shallow water which releases dormant nutrients that promotes weed growth & algae blooms

I think we can all agree that boater education will be paramount in curbing many aspects of the problem... and educate and communicate responsible wake boating guidelines such as:

- Stay 150 feet away from the shoreline, docks, or other structures
- Keep music at reasonable levels
- Minimize repetitive passes on any portion of shoreline.

Here is the MLSA link: You will be asked to log in your name and email address which will then let you view the free recorded webinar:

https://www.anymeeting.com/WebConference/RecordingDefault.aspx?c_psrId=EA50D887884A3F&code=196-087-965

Boating and Fishing Laws to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Species effective 2019...

Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994) Part 413 has been amended with changes for boaters and anglers that are in effect as of March 21, 2019. The changes are intended to strengthen protection for Michigan waterways against the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.

What boaters need to know:



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prior to the amendment, the law only required that a person not place watercraft or trailers in the waters of Michigan if an aquatic plant is attached. **In addition to this requirement, the new changes require all of the following prior to transporting any watercraft over land:**

- Removing all drain plugs from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells.
- Draining all water from any live wells and bilges.
- Ensuring that the watercraft, trailer, and any conveyance used to transport the watercraft or trailer are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.

This means that after trailering boats, and before getting on the road, boaters must pull plugs, drain water and remove plants and debris.

[This short video shows what boaters need to do.](#) Or copy and paste the youtube.com link below to your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k2osDO7DTY>

Violation of the law is a state civil infraction and violators may be subject to fines up to \$100.

To read the full Michigan DNR article, click on the link on the following link:

https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/0,5664,7-324-68071_91899---,00.html?utm_source=govdelivery

What you should do:

To comply with the law and prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, boaters should:

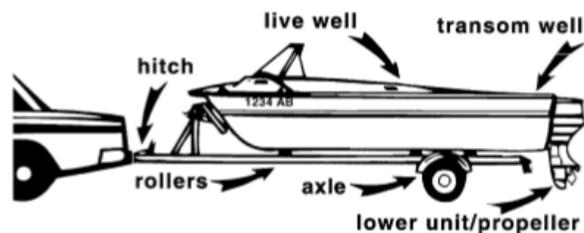
1. CLEAN boats, trailers and equipment.
2. DRAIN live wells, bilges and all water - pull all drain plugs.
3. DRY boats and equipment.
4. DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash.

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS



WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS

Stop Aquatic Invasive Species From Spreading
Check Your Boat Each Time You Leave The Water!



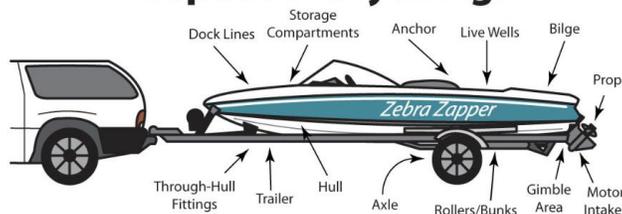
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Floor | <input type="checkbox"/> Live well | <input type="checkbox"/> Transducer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hull | <input type="checkbox"/> Lights/wiring | <input type="checkbox"/> Transom well |

Clean It. Drain It. Dry It.

www.mymlsa.org/cbcw

Before leaving and before launching...

inspect everything!



OWN A BUSINESS? ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE WATERLINE NEWSLETTER!

Business Card: 4 issues for \$35

¼ page Ad: 4 issues for \$90

½ page Ad: 4 issues for \$180

Mail your Ad or Business card along with your
check to:

**WCLA, Attn: Gloria Gibson, PO Box 482,
Greenville, MI 48838
Check payable to WCLA**

MISSION STATEMENT

The WCLA will promote the preservation of lake/water quality, provide education about boat safety & etiquette and initiate social activities to promote community friendships and interaction. It will encourage membership and participation in the Association and will facilitate a sense of community amongst riparian property owners.



Our beautiful loon family

FOLLOW US ON FB

WCLA is constantly trying to keep you informed, reminding you of upcoming activities, important issues, important & informative DNR topics.

Many go to FB first before looking at emails...so we are covering all our basis. Click on the following link and

Like Us on FB and Follow Us!

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Woodbeck-Chain-of-Lakes-Association-133309000037956/>



WATERLINE NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES...

The Waterline Newsletter is published 3 times a year, March, June and September and sent via e-mail. Gloria Gibson and Cathy Schrauben co-write articles for the Waterline.

WCLA Reminders & Other Information (aka *e-mail blasts*) sent via email a few times a month, are intended to refresh our memories & keeping you up to date. We are all so busy that we sometimes just forget. Please let me know if your email address has changed so I can update the database. Email your change to Gloria Gibson at dggibson12435@gmail.com

If you have pictures, articles, wish to share a story with us, selling a boat, want to advertise your business, email to Gloria or Cathy:

dggibson12435@gmail.com

cathy.schrauben@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SAVE THE DATES!!!

- *ELVIS IN THE HOUSE – WOODBECK LAKE
Sat, 7/4/20
- *BOAT PARADE
Sat, 7/4/20
- *6th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, CANDLESTONE
Sat, 8/1/20 – *new time...2:00p SHOTGUN START*
- *MAXON'S, PETERSEN'S & MERREN'S
FRIENDS/LAKE COMMUNITY PARTY – LIVE
BAND – ALL LAKES WELCOMED
Fri, 8/21/20
- *ANNUAL MTG – CAMP GREENWOOD
Sat, 8/29/20
- *WCLA CHRISTMAS PARTY – Frugthaven
Farm
Sat, 12/5/20
- *COOKIE EXCHANGE – PINK+FRILLOS
Sun, 12/13/20

All subject to change if we get a resurgence of Covid-19.. You will find the complete calendar of events on our WCLA website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/event-calendar> and in this Waterline.

Bobby Badgerow, Banks Lake

Bobby submitted his photo of his catch on Banks Lake to Hilltop Sports and was the winner of a \$10 gift card from Hilltop Sports!... congratulations Bobby and welcome to the lake! Hope to interview his parents, Randy & Jamie and introduce them to all of you in the next Waterline issue.



SAVE THE DATE – JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE!!!



Let's get fired up!! Fourth of July is coming up and we want to see YOU in your BOAT in the parade!!! Decorate it to the MAX in your favorite patriotic theme and join us for a *FABULOUS* time while we cruise our lakes and get cheered on by all!!

The parade will start over on Woodbeck Lake near MacClain Bridge at 7 pm sharp - and will do a loop or two around both Woodbeck and Horseshoe Lakes. Then those boats that can go under the bridge will do so and join up with even *more boats* on the North side - at the pylons on Banks at approximately 8 pm. The parade will continue to do the entire loop around Banks, Thomas and Half Mile Lakes while getting cheered on by the families around the lakes!

IF you're NOT in the parade – Please – Cheer from your docks, decks and yards!!! Let's deck out those Lake Fronts and have your noise makers and refreshments ready!! And don't forget to stay tuned for fireworks around the lakes after dark.....

WCLA Committees: Committees were established to challenge the board to become more energetic with Committee activities. Each committee designated a chair person that will lead their group and bring ideas to each Board meeting for discussion and vote.

Once the Covid-19 pandemic ends, and we get back to a new normal, we hope to resume our remaining activities. Until then, think about volunteering and being part of any of these committees. You may contact the chairperson of that committee for more information. **Volunteers are always needed and always welcomed...**your input and contribution is valuable!

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The web store, <https://stores.inksoft.com/ih20w> will carry the original WCLA t-shirts & sweatshirts and will also feature individual designs for each lake. New designs are added frequently so check back often for updated designs and new items.

Apparel for lake events can and will be made available, allowing groups and families to order as many or as few shirts as they choose. Order 1 shirt or 5000! Most orders will be shipped via USPS within 7-10 days. The web store can also host apparel fundraising campaigns for any occasion or event to raise funds for the association or any other organization. Contact MSP Designs for more info on this.

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