

NEGAUNEE LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015

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, Evart 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. Please note the dues statement distributed in Dec 2014 had the incorrect Road Maintenance totals. They should have been \$7,202.51 for the period 8/1/2013-7/31/2014 (\$85.74 per membership).

Boats should have been removed from NLA property by May 1 and leaves/debris that may have collected during storage removed. 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 231-972-4813 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+/- . Boat launch gate key is with any Board member or Bob Lancaster. Contact information at www.negauneelake.org

We will again make a directory available to paid members at the annual meeting, or by request, to keep you in touch with your neighbors in case of an emergency. NLA cannot release your telephone number without your consent. Attached, along with dues information, is a "*permission slip*" for that purpose if you have not done so already. You can email or snail mail your consent to the Secretary (address on return label of this letter, dmsroufe@ftch.com) or submit with your dues payment.

Kids (of any age) Activity - Sunday May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend) 11AM at the park on the Point, Sherrill Houser will supervise the making of an "erosion garden". Please bring a plant, ground cover, bush, wood chips/mulch, your garden tools etc with you to help construct the garden. If you can't make it but would like to donate any of the above, please drop off at Sherrill's place (616)250-7243. This garden will help keep the park from eroding.

The annual Negaunee Lake Association (NLA) *picnic/annual meeting* will be held on Saturday, July 4th at noon in the Association park. The annual meeting will follow. In case of inclement weather, it will be held Sunday, July 5th – 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. Are you interested in *coordinating the kiddie entertainment and/or the picnic*? Please contact a board member (contact info at www.negauneelake.org). Your interest and participation would be appreciated.

Per the by-law change voted on at the 2014 annual meeting, every year is now a *NLA Board election* year. The change was made to promote continuity and experience on the Board by staggering the terms of elected members. The positions of Vice President, Secretary and Directors for Subdivisions 1 and 3 will be open for election. Please consider this your opportunity to participate in the decisions that affect your property investment. You do not have to be nominated to run for office – forms will be available at the Annual Meeting.

The gentlemen who voluntarily, regularly, *maintain NLA grounds/roads* invite you to join them. Work party begins 5/6 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. Clip branches away from road edges
Each park needs mowing/weed whacking several times a year

Pavilion often needs to be swept out

Campbell Excavating & Snowmen Plow Services did a great job *maintaining our roads* again this winter. Please thank Bob Lancaster for the assistance he gave and Linda Cochran for coordinating and fielding complaints/questions.

Waste Management missed five pickups this winter. DO NOT pile your *garbage* next to the dumpster if it's full – the dumpster is monitored and arrangements will be made for pickup ASAP. Waste Management will not pick up from the ground and usually Bob Lancaster and others have to schlep your leavings into the dumpster. Remember to shred/destroy information you don't want someone else to have – dumpster divers were seen going through trash here at the lake.

Fish Committee – 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. We have had a great donation response this year (\$910 before NLA match so far) and the Committee thanks you all!

Can't say it often enough... 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 in/out of storage. There is a separate drive for storage access.
- 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 – dmsroufe@ftch.com 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!

2015 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 2015 dues include \$7,202.51 for road maintenance 8/1/2013-7/31/2014 (\$85.74 per membership).

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., Evart 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 (if not already provided):

Name _____

Lake Address _____

Phone number _____

Please *PROVIDE EMAIL ADDRESS* (if not already provided) Not to be shared
