## **SPRING NEWSLETTER, 2 JUNE 2012**

# Duck Lake Peninsular Shores Association (DLPSA) P. O. Box 344, Grawn, Michigan 49637

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We encourage every resident to have an active voice in our Association. Please address questions, comments, concerns or ideas to any of the DLPSA Board members.

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#### 2012 Events

The following events occur "rain or shine." Contact a board member if you need more information.

- Peninsula Garage Sale: Saturday, June 9, 9
   AM to 4:30 PM. DLPSA provides newspaper ads
   (on June 8-9), an announcement sign at the
   culvert crossing, and direction signs from the main
   roads. Participation is by your choice on your own
   property.
- Annual Picnic (formerly Pig Roast): Saturday, July 14, 3 to 9 PM at the Park. This is a free event. Meat is provided, but please bring a dish to pass and your own beverages.
- Annual Meeting: Sunday, September 9, 3 5
   PM (2-hour limit) at the Park Pavilion. Four
   board members will be elected at this meeting.
   We strongly encourage new members on the
   board. Please let a board member know if you
   are willing to be nominated as a candidate.

## **Items from the 2012 Spring Meeting**

#### **Attendees**

We wish to acknowledge the following DLPSA active members who participated in this year's Spring Meeting on Sunday, May 20:

Beverly Bodary, Dan Bodary (Secretary), Dan Briggs, Ellen Briggs, Oral Carper (Director), Paul Grunberger (V.P.), Oscar Hovsepian, Charlotte Knoll (Treasurer), Duane Lueck (President), Paulette Lueck, Russ Marshall (Director), Alice Nichols, Paul Seppala, Lowell Spence, John Stuart, and Chris Washburn.

## **Liability Insurance for DLPSA Members**

Officers of the DLPSA have known for many years that they can be found liable for any action construed as contributing to damages incurred to persons or property on the Peninsula. Accordingly, we have carried an insurance policy, but our Treasurer discovered this year that this insurance did not cover officer's liability. A motion was made and approved that the Board take immediate action to insure itself against such liability for the next year, during which

time the Board will make a decision about what additional coverage is needed.

Some have said that all members of the DLPSA (that is, all property owners on the Peninsula) are potentially liable for any damages incurrred in a common area (such as, for example, a juvenile who breaks his neck falling off the pavilion roof). The Board must verify whether this is true, and if so, decide whether and how to cover this risk. It is possible that expenses for this coverage can be minimized by limiting it to active members, according to a list that the DLPSA provides annually to the insurance carrier. In that case, members who don't pay their dues would not be incuded in this coverage.

#### **Identifying Paid-up DLPSA Members**

Several participants expressed their long-standing frustration that the cost to carry property owners who refuse to pay their dues comes directly out of their pockets. Alternatives for improving participation were discussed. A motion was made and approved to publish the names of those who are current in their dues in this Newsletter.

#### **DLPSA Finances**

[ Details for these items are available with the Spring Meeting minutes on the DLPSA website.]

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12 Treasurer's report was approved as follows:

Cash balance at start (6/1/11)	\$6,817
Total Income (less than projected):	\$11.675
Total Expenditures :	\$17,836
Cash balance at end (5/31/12)	\$655

#### DLPSA Fund Balances:

Long Term	Improvements	\$5,000
Park Fund		\$400

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The budget for the coming FY 2012/13 was also approved as follows:

Projected Income:	\$12,350
Projected Expenses:	\$15,960

The Board acknowledged that this budget would need revision during the year. Expenses now include a figure for officers' liability coverage, a topic about which all residents will hear more information. It may be possible to lower expenses by insuring only dues-paying residents. Lack of payment by non-dues-paying residents has now reached the point where it may now may require a cutback on necessary maintenance.

#### **Update to DLPSA By-Laws**

A DLPSA committee, headed up by Paul Grunberger, has undertaken to review the DLPSA by-laws and recommend amendments to be voted on in the next Annual Meeting in 2112. The committee, which includes Oral Carper and Sue Carlson, met over the winter to discuss possible changes, but Sue, who headed the effort to produce the latest revision in 2004, made a good case that the current by-laws are still good. They lack some of the formality and boilerplate that can be seen in other communities, but that can be regarded as an advantage in an organization that operates on a severely limited budget.

## **DLPSA Projects**

Most of this work is being done by volunteers at little or no cost to the DLPSA. Contact any Board member if you wish to lead or participate in a project.

## **Completed Projects - Thanks to All:**

- The inside Park Pavillion walls and ceiling were cleaned.
- 2. The north edge of the Pavilion roof was tarred in an effort to identify the juveniles who dwell on the roof.
- Two big dips in the access road to the William P.
   Happ Boat Ramp were filled and re-paved under
   a contract managed by Duane Lueck.
- 4. John Hubbard repaired a damaged swing seat and installed a new tether ball in the Park.

#### **Active Projects**

- Renovation of the shuffleboard court (new surface, scoreboard and equipment) has begun. This project is being sponsored and chaired by John Stuart, and completion will depend upon demonstration of interest by active DLPSA members.
- Duane Lueck and Wayne Lanckton are building a DLPSA equipment closet (4 x 12 feet) into the northwest corner of the Pavilion for use by all active members with a <u>Peninsula key</u> (formerly called the Boat Ramp key). This will provide storage for sports equipment and any other items

- that members wish to store while they are at the Park.
- 3. We have begun to replace deteriorating signs at various locations around the Peninsula.

Regarding item 3, we are starting with the restoration of William Happ's name at the Boat Launch, in honor of the work he did (see the <u>Guest Column</u> in the Fall 2011 Newsletter), and will then continue with the other lake accesses as funds become available. We will also make a final decision about the name of our Park, identified on the current sign as *Schworm Park*.

If you would like to help decide the content of the signs, please view the photos of the current signs at the Boat Ramp Bulletin Board, and make a recommendation to any Board member. Judging from the general lack of response in the past, your suggestion will probably have a considerable influence on the words you will see for the next 30 years!

#### **Planned Projects**

We are sticking with plans to install new fencing at (a) Park horseshoe pits, (b) Road-end parks, and (c) corner of Peninsular Shores Drive with East Shore Drive.

#### **Policy for Projects**

The Board has received very little support from residents for proposed improvements to the Park. Therefore, it has decided that proposed projects will require an active DLPSA member to demonstrate a community interest and chair an improvement committee.

## **Annual Picnic Notes**

We are not quite sure yet how long this has been going on, although a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic was held in 1972, and susequent picnics were held under the names Summer Picnic, Annual DLPSA Picnic, and (for the latest 5 years) Pig Roast. Another picnic is scheduled for this year, but since we have already set the precedent of roasting selected cuts instead of whole pigs, we have changed the name of this traditional event to the Annual Picnic.

This event has always been a great way to meet your neighbors! Let us know if you want to participate, or if you have new ideas for the arrangements.

## **Preferred Trash Collection Provider**

In 2010, the membership endorsed *American Waste* (AW) as the preferred provider of trash pickup for the Peninsula. Our contact (and yours) at AW is the Account Manager, Mr. Patrick (Pat) Cline, whom you may call at 231-624-1550 (cell phone direct), or 231-943-8088 (office).

AW, a locally owned and environmentally friendly company, has been providing superior service to more than 100 residences. Thursday pickups are only \$12/month, and details of other terms are listed on the DLPSA website.

(If you are a happy AW client who knows of a neighbor using another provider, you might want to help her (or him) decide to switch over by sharing your AW experience.)

#### **Dues Isues**

#### Reminder about Dues Payment Policy

Your Board has, by tradition, sent out dues notices with the Spring Newsletter, which is usually around June 1. That coincides with the beginning of the Fiscal Year for which you are paying those dues. Accordingly, the dues are considered payable when you receive the bill. Your prompt payment is valuable to the Board in its effort to establish an accurate budget for the year.

If you want to know more about our dues policy, there were detailed presentations in last year's Newsletters.

#### **Dues Prospects**

In the last year, DLPSA has incurred additional unplanned expenses for winter storm cleanup, and recovery from acts of vandalism. Additionally, the establishment of Directors' liability insurance is being planned. As things stand, unless dues compliance can be improved above the current 50-60% level, it will be necessary to increase the regular dues amount. We urge you to talk to your neighbors about this, and to attend the Annual Meeting in September, where a decision on 2013-14 dues will be made.

## **Peninsula History Search**

Your DLPSA Historian has recently stumbled across a treasure trove of records going all the way back to 1966, providing remarkable revelations about our history. We are determined to preserve and share these with all of you. So far, we have organized an awesome set but we are still looking to fill huge holes like these:

- DLPSA Newsletters (a.k.a. The Islander or The Island Informer), 1966-2003
- Meeting minutes, 1996-2003
- Treasurer's Reports, 1996-2003
- · Fliers (such as picnic notices), any year
- · Local Newspaper articles about us, any year

Look in your cardboard boxes and files for old Peninsula Documents. Some of you have been around for awhile, and we just know that you have stashed some of this stuff away! As soon as you find something, please contact Paul Grunberger (see Directors, above) with the news!

## **Newsletter Bulletin Board**

Even though we now have an actual physical Community Bulletin Board available for your use at the Boat Launch entrance, the space below will continue to be available for your announcements (major events or milestone dates of birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) or for comments that you want to see included in the next edition of the Newsletter. Please send any items you have to Paul Grunberger at ducklakepaul@gmail.com.

#### **Personal Computing Device User Group**

Some of our neighbors have expressed interest in getting together occasionally to form a Personal Computing Device user group to discuss such topics as:

- What is an app?
- What device should I buy?
- My favorite app is . . .
- How can I . . .
- I use my device to . . .
- I learned how to . . .

If any of this interests you, send an e-mail to Lowell Spence <grawn1@hotmail.com> stating your interest, knowledge and/or offer of assistance. We will be meeting in the Park Pavilion at 7:00 P.M. on June 20, 2012. In the future, we may be meeting at the Interlochen Library or a personal home with wi-fi capabilities.

## **Dead Swan Mystery**

A couple of dead swans were found last summer in the vicinity of the culvert. Earl Windnagel asked the DNR to do an autopsy, and took one of them in. Reportedly, a DNR officer conducted a five-minute examination in which he was able to declare that, "It wasn't shot." End of "autopsy".

Earl asks that you call him at 276-7151 if you spot any more dead swans, so he can help us get to the bottom of this mystery.

#### It's Dark at Night.

Some folks driving after dark over the winter have noticed that it is hard to see joggers and dog-walkers out there. Yes, it is DARK out there, and we love it, but pedestrians who value their safety may wish to wear <u>reflective clothing</u>.

#### **Our Blessed Street-Corner**

We continue hear reports of drivers running the stop sign at the north end of East Shore Drive. This a truly blessed corner in that, according to Lowell Spence, there has not been an accident there. But, please don't tempt fate any further.

## **Focus on Vandals**

Just a few days ago, on the morning of Monday, May 22, 2012, someone <u>cut the chain</u> that controls access to the William P. Happ Boat Ramp. Access to this private boat ramp has been managed by the DLPSA for the benefit of dues-paying members since 1970. No individual Peninsula resident, or any member of the public, has the right to cut this chain for any reason. A Peninsula key to open the chain is available at no cost to each dues-paying member, and a replacement key (with no questions asked) is available for \$30.

Furthermore, there have been several recent incidents around the Park Pavillion. There are numerous shingle fragments on the ground there, indicating that juveniles (of whatever age) are continuing to climb up on the roof. Inside was an empty fifth of vodka. And, the garbage can lid has walked away! Should we be surprised? We guess not, because it was the only thing not chained down.

All of this activity is creating additional expense to you. Accordingly, we are taking measures to identify vandals and make sure they are stopped. If they think they have the right to engage in this behavior, they may have to explain that to a judge.

Meanwhile, be watchful. If you happen to see (or know of) anyone who is doing something to make our work harder, please contact any Board member with the information, so that one of us can have a conversation with an interested parent.

## **Winter Storm**

On the evening of Friday, March 2, those of us who braved the Winter here experienced an amazing, sudden storm that dumped 15 inches of heavy wet snow on us in a few hours, culminating in an electric power outage for the entire Peninsula that was to last 40 hours. Large branches, laden with snow, cracked and fell everywhere.



Happ Boat Ramp entrance, 3-2-12, compliments of CKnoll

Saturday did not provide much relief, with blizzard conditions and an additional 9 inches. There was no sign of municipal road plowing all weekend, but many folks on the Peninsula were out helping each other.

Your DLPSA authorized about \$2,250 of unplanned expenditures to clean up tree damage in the common areas (lake accesses and parks)

## **Thanks to Landscape Management**

Our hats go off to Tom Fabatz and his team. While the municipal crews were apparently busy elsewhere, Landscape Management crews were out early the next week, loading and chipping debris that residents piled up in front yards all over the Peninsula for six solid days. There was no practical way to contact each resident on a timely basis for arrangements. On April 3, Tom mailed a letter to the 110 residents that had large amounts of debris, explaining the work that was done, and requesting a \$20 donation to defray the more than \$5000 in expenses that were incurred. We are happy to report that Landscape Management got responses from 28 residents, some of whom contributed more than the If you are one of those who \$20 requested. benefitted from this work, and didn't get a chance to contribute, we are sure Tom would appreciate your donation, sent to:

> Landscape Management 3143 Mason Road Grawn, MI 49637

#### **Trees over Power Lines**

Utility lines were severed in no fewer than five places. Two were from the sheer weight of the snow that coated lines to a 6-inch diameter, but three more were pulled down by falling branches. Our information is that because of previous complaints by homeowners, Cherryland Electric is reluctant to take the initiative to trim trees over lines. However, they would be happy to trim such trees at your request, if you would simply call them toll-free at 1-800-442-8616

We have also noticed that many trees on private lots are overgrown with massive vines (mostly grapevines) that cover the tree crowns and tend to catch more snow. You can easily correct this by severing them at the trunk near the ground. The vines will wither and come down on their own in a year or two, leaving you with a simple cleanup.

## **In Memory**

We are aware of the following current or former Peninsula residents who have passed away recently. [As you learn of others, please let us know.]

 David Douglas McCormick, of 3836 Peninsular Shores Drive, age 97, on 3/3/2012

- Mary Ann Mitchell of 3666 Peninsular Shores Drive, age 52, on 4/19/2012
- Wayne C Kimmel, of 4219 East Shore Drive, age 78, on 4/22/2012
- Don R. Kirkpatrick, of 3718 Peninsular Shores Drive, age 78, on 4/28/2012.

Our condolences go out to friends and family. Full obituaries are available on the *Record Eagle* website.

## **New Peninsula Residents**

[Do you know anyone who has recently moved here? If so, please notify a Board member so we can welcome them and list their names.]

We are aware of two new residents since the previous newsletter on 11/5/2011:

Raymond & Joanne Perkins 4257 East Shore Drive Residents since February 2012; from Wheaton, IL

Matthew & Kimberly Quinter 3842 Central Dark Drive Full time since March 2012, from Kingsley, MI

## **Thank You, Active DLPSA Members!**

The DLPSA applauds active members for supporting our efforts to make this a beautiful place to live. <u>The active members listed below</u> are up to date on their dues through May 2012, according to our current records. (Corrections and additions noted during this Summer will be listed in the 2012 Fall Newsletter.)

3800 WASHBURN CHRISTIAN T

#### **CENTRAL PARK DR**

3626 SPIELES ANNE P TRUST 3656 YOUNG LEROY & GEORGIA 3682 DYER LEONARD R JR 3800 HACKNEY SCOTT C & BARBARA A 3842 QUINTER MATTHEW & KIMBERLY 3870 NEWPORT MARY E 3926 SEPPALA PAUL D 3927 SPEARS RUSSELL TIMOTHY 3968 CORK, DALE 4029 TOKIE MICHAEL R & DOLLY A 4055 TOKIE MICHAEL R & DOLLY A 4074 PERRIN RANDALL & JULIA M 4159 MCCARDEL KENNETH & KASSANDRA **4225 GERHARD NANCY & HERBERT TRUSTS 4226 WARNAAR STUART L** 4258 SCHROEDER JOHN S & JENNIFER J **4259 CARNES THOMAS** 4274 SCHROEDER JOHN S & JENNIFER J 4322 YAUCK ROBERT D & PATTI J **4338 WRIGHT PAT & KAREN** 4354 POLITZ WILLIAM R & GAIL M WHEELER

4392 BODARY DANIEL & BEVERLY FAMILY TR

#### **EAST SHORE DR**

3731 BONDY ROBERT L & SHIRLEY J 3735 MAJKA PHILLIP J 3763 TREZISE JOHN B & PATRICIA J TRUST 3781 GRUNBERGER P & KNOLL CHARLOTTE 3785 STEINEBACH DONNA J 3797 SHOUP RONALD E & PAULA J 3815 CARPER ORAL W & PATRICIA M 3825 PUGH BRIAN & CATHY 3857 JERUE CAROL A ET AL 3870 COCKRELL SARA TRUST 3875 PATTERSON MICHAEL D & NANCY 3897 ECKSTEIN MARK H & MARIE N 3967 ULSETH DAVID & JULIE 3982 SHLEYPAK LEV & BELLA 3985 REINKING CARL D 4019 NOVAK JOHN V & ELAINE M 4026 SCHONHOFF KENNETH & DEBRA **4033 HORVAT RODNEY F & VALERIE J 4047 SCHULTZE RONALD B & LAURA J** 4052 BACHMAN RONALD W JR & JANET L 4063 PALENICK JOHN & ROMEO DIANE ET AL 4104 ZIMMER ERICH T & JANICE M 4111 MISENER DONALD L **4127 PONZIO DIANE MARIE** 4130 MALLARD JOHN R & CHRISTINE 4189 UPTON MICHAEL B & SANDRA S 4190 BRADLEY RICHARD & KATHLEEN **4220 SLAUGHTER LUANA & FRANK** 4252 DENSMORE KENNETH E & BETH ANN

4257 PERKINS RAYMOND J & JOANNE M **4267 WALSH STEVE & KATHLEEN 4275 HENIGE MARY LOU TRUST NO 1** 4280 HUBBARD JOHN J & JUDY M 4291 COLLINS, KENNETH D & KIMBERLY K 4299 SACK RICKEY L & CYNTHIA L **4307 BELLINGER MARCIA J TRUST** 4315 PODOLAN THOMAS J & STEPHANY 4323 COMER GERALD M & PATRICIA **4331 BRIGGS DANIEL W TRUST** 4339 STEFFLER WILLIAM & VERA 4345 KEMPFF MARIANNE B 4361 WALKER B WILLIAM & MARY ANN 4377 MILLS JAMES R 4385 MALLARD JOSEPH 4393 HARDIN R JAY & JANINE

#### **NORTH SHORE CT**

7712 THOMPSON MARK & ELEY ROBYN
7750 FAGG JAMES F & JANICE
7768 FABATZ THOMAS J & HENRIETTA A
7804 WINDNAGEL EARL & LUIGINA
7840 LANCKTON WAYNE JR & SHIRLEY
7858 BEATON JEFFREY A & KELLIE S
7876 BEATON JEFFREY A & KELLIE S
7896 LOON LANDING LLC
7914 LUECK DUANE L & PAULETTE M
7952 BOTT RONALD W & AGNES T
7980 BRAND PHILIP A & CAMILLE E

#### PENINSULAR SHORES DR

3647 ERWIN RICHARD C & SUSAN T 3659 RUSNICA JANET E 3665 GERLICA EUGENE & JANE 3666 MITCHELL JAMES C & MARY ANN 3671 FULTZ CHARLES H & JACQUELINE M 3677 VANDERLEY DIANE 3680 STAPLES CARY E TRUST 3696 MOORE BONNIE & CANDI FIELDER 3704 HIMICK BRIAN J & VALERIE 3707 CRANDELL JONATHAN R & MARILYN 3710 MCLAUGHLIN CHARLES & CYNTHIA 3729 AMBROSINI JAY D 3734 STJOHN JAMES R & MARION 3742 SPENCE C LOWELL & JANET 3748 HOCKING SCOTT L & DEBRA D 3754 BRUGGEMAN JEFFREY & KATHLEEN 3762 ZACK FRANCIS H & CAROL L **3767 GUT CHRISTINA JANE 3775 TALLIDIS NICK & STEPHANIE 3778 STUART JOHN R** 3784 HOVSEPIAN OSCAR & ANNA **3792 ELLIOTT WILMA** 3797 KRETA JENNIFER K & SCOTT

3805 WICKER ROBERT C & KATHY 3814 ALLENDORPH LEWIS & ANNA 3822 NICHOLS BRENT H & ALICE A 3830 ROHDER R JASON & KATHRYN A 3835 GLOWICKI CHRISTOPHER & HEATHER 3836 MCCORMICK BRIAN L & COLLEEN 3844 HOFFMAN MICHAEL TRUST 3852 LUTTINEN RUSSELL & CAROLE 3860 BINELL CAMILLA F TRUST 3866 SCHROEDER PAUL E & PHYLLIS 3882 AMBROSI FAMILY COTTAGE LLC 3890 CONNOLLY JOHN D & ELAINE 3896 CRUMP JANE TRUST 3897 STURTEVANT BRADFORD L 3904 AMBROSI JOSEPH L TRUST 3918 GODDARD JOHN & GLORIA 3926 SAMPSON ROBERT P & CORNELIA 3932 ARP CHAD & ROBYN 3940 DENNINGER JOHN G TRUST 3941 STOEFFLER VICTOR & MARLENE 3948 JENSEN RONALD L & DOROTHY J 3959 TURNER H HOWARD & JUDITH A 3970 MCGILL-GLICK GILBERT & MARGARET 3992 CARLSON GARY J & SUZANNE **4016 FENNEMA MARK & JULIE** 4034 ROACH EDWARD L & BARBARA 4050 REINBOLD GEORGE SR & CORA TRUST 4068 FAUS LESTER W & JOANN L **4076 JOHNSON MURREL & DONEVA** 4094 HOCKING SCOTT L & DEBRA D 4126 NEMIC THOMAS E & CAROL A 4131 JACKSON STEPHEN R & LISA K 4138 BOS MARK & LORI 4144 PECK STEPHEN J & LORRIE O 4152 PECK STEPHEN J & LORRIE O 4160 CORNER BRUCE & GRONLUND GAYE 4185 PUGGINI RUDOLPH P & DIANE G 4186 PEARCE CARL H & ELIZABETH B TRUST **4206 GERHARD NANCY E TRUST** 

#### WHITE BIRCH DR

3813 BEZEMEK JAMES J & KORRIE C
3855 ZERBEL WALTER S & JANET D TRUST
3883 ISAACSON AGNES & TAYLOR THOMAS
3953 BURNHAM PAUL & WHITEHEAD ,BRIAN
3995 GAUTHIER JAMES W & TERRI L
4018 PETOSKEY PETER & BOBBIE
4019 FABATZ THOMAS J
4046 MARSHALL, MICHAEL, VALERIE, RUSS
4061 THURSTON JOHN & YEOMANS MARY
4085 GILDNER KENNETH & MARIA CHRISTINA
vac. SCHONHOFF DEBORAH A
4124 GODDARD JOHN B

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