

# FALL NEWSLETTER, 8 NOV 2012

## DUCK LAKE PENINSULAR SHORES ASSOCIATION (DLPSA) P. O. Box 344, Grawn, Michigan 49637

Visit the DLPSA website at <http://webpages.charter.net/dlpsa/>

**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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### **DLPSA Board Members for 2012-13**

All four Board members up for election this year were re-elected. Accordingly, the Board membership is unchanged. Here is the latest contact information for all your current Board members:

**President: Duane Lueck** (also Maintenance)  
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231-276-6676 home. No e-mail address.

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**Treasurer: Charlotte Knoll**  
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**Director: John Hubbard** (Hospitality w/ John Stuart)  
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**\* Director: Russ Marshall**  
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\* The Board members serve two-year terms. The three members marked with the asterisk have terms ending next year immediately after the election at the 2013 Annual Meeting. Of these, at least the Vice President will be resigning from the Board in 2013. Accordingly, we have an urgent need for a candidate who is an active DLPSA member of good character with writing skill. If you, or anyone you know, is willing to join the Board, please notify any Board member, and come to our Annual Meeting!

### **2013 Events**

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

- **Spring General Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 3 to 5 PM (2-hour limit) in the DLPSA Park Pavilion**
- **Peninsula Garage Sale: Saturday, June 8, 9 AM to 4:30 PM.** DLPSA provides newspaper ads (on June 7-8), 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: Saturday, July 13, 3 to 9 PM at the Park.** This is a free event. Meat is provided, but please bring a dish to share, and your own beverages.
- **Annual Meeting: Sunday, September 8, 3 to 5 PM (2-hour limit) in the DLPSA Park Pavilion.** Three board members will be elected at this meeting. We strongly encourage new members on the board.

### **2012 Annual Meeting Report**

#### **Attendees**

We wish to acknowledge the following DLPSA active members (other than the Board) who participated in this year's Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 9, 2012:

Ellen Briggs, Dan Briggs, Beverly Bodary, Bob Bondy, Shirley Bondy, Sara Cockrell, Matt Comer, Pat Comer, Donato Daddario, Mona Daddario, Wilma Elliott, Chuck Fultz, Shirley Lanckton, Wayne Lanckton, Deb Schonhoff, Ken Schonhoff, Anne Spieles, and Tom Spieles.

#### **New Dues Policy with Reduced Rates**

The DLPSA membership approved a revised policy for payment of dues, including a reduced rate for owners of vacant parcels. Please see the section entitled Dues Policy Update, below.

## **New Key Policy, & Key Change Next Year**

We plan to change keys again next year. We expect that the change-over will occur prior to the Annual Picnic in July, and that the new keys will be issued beforehand, free to all active members. A new, more accommodative key policy is described under Official Key Policy, below.

## **Peninsula Entrance Sign**

The design of the new Peninsula Entrance Sign was approved at the meeting, and is described under Active Projects, below.

## **DLPSA Finances**

[Details for these items are available with the 11-7-12 Meeting minutes on the DLPSA website.]

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 Treasurer's report was approved as follows:

Cash balance at start (6/1/12)	\$ 655.40
Total Income:	\$ 12,936.49
Total Expenditures:	\$ 6,784.32
Cash balance at mid-year (11/7/12)	\$ 6,807.57

### DLPSA Fund Balances:

Long Term Improvements	\$ 5,000.00
Park Improvement Fund	\$ 955.00

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Income: While we have met our projection for the FY, only 58% of parcels are paid for this year. [Check the Red Circle on your mailing label or at the top of the newsletter which indicates unpaid dues.] The extra income comes from those property owners who have caught up with past unpaid dues. Many thanks to these owners.

Expenditures: Aside from those regular monthly expenses, the cost of our new entrance sign (approximately \$200) is still to be considered.

Suggestions from active members for how to apply the Park Improvement Fund are encouraged, and should be sent to any Board Member.

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

A DLPSA By-Laws committee, headed up by Paul Grunberger with Oral Carper and Sue Carlson as members, has been considering updates to the current by-laws DLPSA. Among these so far are just a few minor provisions that specify meeting notices, dates and rules for participation by non-board members. All these will be addressed in a future rewrite.

## **Peninsula Improvements**

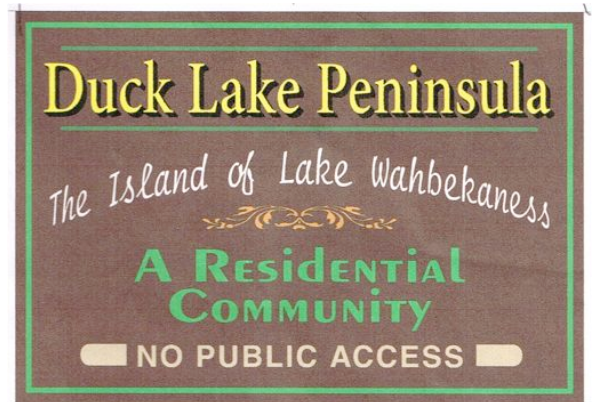
### **Completed Projects:**

1. To start our approved project to replace deteriorating signs, Duane Lueck has replaced the Boat Ramp sign in accordance with the wishes of DLPSA members to preserve the memory of William P. Happ. Here is what it looks like:
2. Renovation of the shuffleboard court (new surface, scoreboard and equipment) has been completed. This project was sponsored and chaired by John Stuart. Dan Bodary and John Hubbard did the excellent job (all by hand) of resurfacing and painting the court.
3. Duane Lueck and Wayne Lanckton completed the DLPSA equipment closet in the Pavilion. This is for use by all active members with a Peninsula key (formerly called the Boat Ramp key). It will provides storage for sports equipment and any other items that members wish to store while they are at the Park.



### **Active Projects**

1. As part of our continuing sign-replacement project, here is the planned sign for the Peninsula Entrance just after the aqueduct. The sign itself is 52" wide by 36" high. To improve visibility, it will be located closer to the road than the current sign. Here is the design:



A 30" vertical space under the sign will be occupied on the right by a Picture Board to accommodate our traditional seasonal art, and on the left by a new Community Bulletin Board that will hold event announcements.

## **Planned Projects**

We are sticking with plans to install new fencing at (a) DLPSA Park horseshoe pits, (b) Road-end parks, and (c) corner of Peninsular Shores Drive with East Shore Drive. This work is being headed up by Duane Lueck.

## **Possible Future Projects**

### **Request for Proposals**

We are looking for ideas on how to apply the donated funds that we have set aside for DLPSA Park Improvements. We are especially interested in ideas you are willing to sponsor. (See the Policy for Projects below). As you consider ideas, please keep in mind that (1) ordinary maintenance does not qualify as an improvement, but (2) any improvement could add to ordinary maintenance expenses that would continue indefinitely. If you have a project idea, please notify a Board member, or bring it up at our next open meeting. Should no projects be approved, the Board may have to return donations dedicated to that purpose.

### **Policy for Projects**

The Board has received very little support from residents for proposed improvements to the Park. Therefore, it was decided in 2011 that proposed projects will require an active DLPSA member to demonstrate a community interest and chair an improvement committee.

## **Annual Picnic Report**

Our Annual Picnic, an event which has appeared under various names since 1972, was again held at the DLPSA Park to great acclaim on July 14. Once again, we acknowledge the financial support of Tom Beaton, Tom Fabitz (Landscape Management) and Scott Hocking (Just Trucks). It was great to see many of our other community members step up to help serve food and supervise games. We hope none of you missed the deviled eggs, which always go fast. (There seems to never be enough!)

## **Preferred Trash Collection Provider**

Since 2010, *American Waste* (AW) has been 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 who uses another provider, you might want to help him/her decide to switch over by sharing your AW experience.)

## **Note on DLPSA Policies**

The DLPSA By-Laws provide for periodic policy changes (to the dues structure, for example) by vote of the active members. These changes are documented in the meeting minutes, and covered by the Newsletters as they occur.

However, your Board noted this Summer that there is currently no one place where these policies are collected. Accordingly, the Board has agreed to collect this information in a single document, called *DLPSA Policies*, which will consolidate all current policies in a single document that can be distributed and posted on the DLPSA website.

## **Dues Policy Update**

### **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.

The following sections, taken from the new Dues Policy as approved at the 2012 Annual Meeting, formally define our current policy.

### **Fiscal Year Defined**

The DLPSA has a Fiscal Year (FY) that is different from an actual (calendar) year. This is done to place the start of the FY shortly after the Spring General Meeting when the budget is approved for the next FY. The FY is named for the year that includes the date when it ends. The DLPSA FY runs from June through May, so, for example, FY 2013 is the year from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013.

### **DLPSA Member Defined**

According to the association By-Laws, every owner of real property on the Duck Lake Peninsula is a DLPSA member. An active member is one who is current in his/her dues payments for every parcel that he/she owns on the Peninsula, and an inactive member is one who is not.

The Treasurer has maintained reliable records on dues payments back through FY 2009. (Complete records of earlier years were found to be unavailable.) Therefore, a DLPSA member is considered current if all his/her dues are paid up to

the present time from FY 2009, or from the date of his/her purchase, whichever was later.

### **Official Dues Policy**

Annual dues are set by a vote of active members at the Annual Meeting in September. Dues are assessed to each Peninsula owner on a per-parcel basis. A parcel is any real-estate entity (lot or whatever) on which a house can be built, whether it is vacant or not.

(In some cases, a parcel that is recognized by the Green Lake Township as a separate taxable entity is not one on which a house can be built because, for example, it is only 12 feet wide. No dues are charged for such a property.)

Dues may only be changed for a future FY. If dues are changed, dues for the current FY and all prior fiscal years will be unaffected, so that anyone who is paying in arrears will be assessed only at the rates that applied for the unpaid year(s).

Dues are billed near the start of the FY to which they apply, generally with the Spring Newsletter. The DLPSA Board prefers that dues be paid in June so that expenditures can be planned efficiently. Payments are accepted at any time; however, a member who has not paid will not be able to obtain a Peninsula Key, or to participate in Board meetings.

**Dues Amount Per Parcel:** The current dues amount is \$65 per year for each parcel owned. However, the dues for FY 2014 will be as follows:

Parcel with a house: \$65 per year  
Vacant Parcel: \$35 per year

Note: The Treasurer can't always tell from the Green Lake Township records whether a parcel is vacant. If one or more of your parcels is vacant, please notify the Treasurer before Spring to ensure that your billing will be correct.

**Application of Payments:** If a member owns multiple parcels and makes a partial payment, the Treasurer may use discretion to decide on which parcel(s), and to which FY, to apply the payment. However, the Treasurer shall issue no Peninsula Key to an owner until he/she has paid all dues on every one of his parcels.

**Listing of Active Members:** According to a decision reached in the 2011 Annual Meeting, the Board may publish the names of property owners who are current in their dues in the Spring Newsletter. However, an owner's name will not be published unless he/she is paid up on all the parcels he/she owns.

### **Official Key Policy**

The Peninsula Key is usable for all DLPSA facilities including:

William P. Happ Boat Launch  
Bulletin Board at the Boat Launch  
Tennis Court  
Park Pavilion Equipment Closet

To prevent mis-use of the keys, the DLPSA has maintained a policy to change the locks and re-issue keys periodically (every two or three years), generally in the early summer, to active members.

**Original Issue:** The Treasurer will issue a Peninsula Key free of charge, on request, to any active DLPSA member who has a parcel on the peninsula. If the active member has more than one parcel, one key may be issued for each parcel.

**Replacements:** If an active member loses a key for any reason, the Treasurer will issue a replacement key on request. To receive a replacement, the member must be paid up on every parcel he/she owns at the time of replacement. The uniform DLPSA policy is to charge as follows for the replacement:

First replacement: \$30  
Subsequent replacements: \$65

No explanation for the loss is requested or considered. A damaged key will be exchanged free of charge.

### **Peninsula History Search**

Your DLPSA Historian is still looking to fill some holes in our historical record, such as 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 the Peninsula, any year

Please 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](mailto:ducklakepaul@gmail.com).

### **Opportunity for a Website Guru**

Your DLPSA is starting to run out of website space. Sue Carlson has been doing a great job squeezing things in for awhile, but now we will need some room to grow. Therefore, we seek a bright young person (perhaps an HTML student) who would like to help us obtain and set up a new spacious website. Please contact any Board Member if you can help us out!

### **Reflective Clothing for Night Outings**

The shortest days of the year have arrived, which means some of us are now exercising in the dark. Some folks driving after dark last winter noticed that it's hard to see folks out there moving at the roadside. Yes, we love our dark nights, but cyclists, pedestrians, and dog-walkers who value their safety may wish to wear reflective clothing for their outings.

### **Vandalism Update**

In the 2012 Spring Newsletter, we reported a chain-cutting incident at the Boat Ramp, and also some destructive roof-climbing activity at the DLPSA Park Pavilion. Since then there has been recurring evidence of roof-climbing activity at the Pavilion.

Additionally, mixed-up shuffleboard pucks and broken cues were discovered in the storage room at the Pavilion. These are likely due to juveniles who have obtained key access to this room. Parents are reminded to supervise the use of these facilities, if they would like availability to continue.

We are pleased to report that beyond this, no damage has been noticed. The Board appreciates your continued watchfulness. If you happen to see (or know of) anyone who is doing something potentially destructive, please contact any Board member with the information, so that one of us can have a conversation with an interested parent.

### **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 since publication of the Spring Newsletter (6/2/12):

Pauline Salenski  
4220 East Shore Drive  
Full-time resident since August 2012  
From Kalkaska, MI

John & Kristina Schnepf  
4291 East Shore Drive  
Weekend residents since September 2012  
From Saginaw, MI

### **Update: Active DLPSA Members**

We promised to provide corrections and additions to the FY 2012 Active-Member list that appeared in the in this year's Spring Newsletter. The following additional 33 members have paid their dues at least through May 2012:

#### **CENTRAL PARK DRIVE**

3670 ALVAREZ KHRISTOPHER & LAURA  
3683 HAMMER KATHERYN TRUST  
3773 McALLISTER/BOUMAN LAURIE & BRIAN  
3801 MANSFIELD JAMES  
3883 DEMONGEY BENJAMIN  
3918 SEPPALA PAUL FAMILY TRUST  
4062 BLACKMORE TRICIA  
4104 DONNELLY-CRANDELL LISA  
4126 KEWIN TIMOTHY & BARBARA  
4133 MONSON CONNIE

#### **EAST SHORE DRIVE**

3896 ROSS RODERICK & LUAN  
4143 JENSEN LAUREN TRUST  
4219 KIMMEL WAYNE & JOAN  
4245 RIEBSCHLEGER RONALD & TRACIE  
4283 SOCH HAROLD & MAXINE  
4353 TAYLOR JAY & LISA

#### **NORTH SHORE COURT**

7734 MALLARD VELMA & RICH  
7934 RICHMOND LARRY & BARBARA  
7972 JONES NEAL & ANGELA

#### **PENINSULAR SHORES DRIVE**

3654 GEISER ERIC  
3674 FRIMODIG MARK & MARIE  
3721 DOMERACKI GLENN & CAROL  
3767 GUT CHRISTINA  
3770 BULLOCK RICHARD & CAROLINE  
3653 SMITH ROBERT & ELEANOR TRUST  
3993 WISCHMAN THOMAS & SUSAN  
4060 BECKMAN GREGORY & BONITA  
4102 GLASSER MICHAEL  
4110 DADDARIO DONATO &  
4118 TURNER JAMES & CHERYL  
4178 MASTERSON VIRGINIA TRUST  
4181 MALONE JOHN & SOFIA

#### **WHITE BIRCH DRIVE**

3841 ACCARDO GIACOMO & FRANCESCO

The Spring 2013 Newsletter will list the names of all members who are paid up through May 2013.



So far this year, owners of 160 parcels out of 274 (59%) have renewed support by sending in payment for FY 2013. If you are unsure whether you are up to date for this year, check your mailing label for the Red Dot indicating unpaid dues for the year.

A new complete list of active members who are current on their dues through May 2013 will be published in the 2013 Spring Newsletter.

### **e-Newsletters Give You Better Service**

We encourage you to request your Newsletters and dues bills via e-mail. This gives you faster service and high-resolution color for photos, plus early notice on meeting agendas and special events.

To date, 89 Peninsula property owners (out of 253) have signed up for e-mail service. (Only three signed up over the Summer.) Do you really want inferior Postal Service at even \$1 per year? If not, please send your name and e-mail address to Paul Grunberger at [ducklakepaul@gmail.com](mailto:ducklakepaul@gmail.com).

If you are concerned about junk e-mail, please note that the Board does not share your e-mail address with anyone.



Local Color: Our Annual November Canadian Goose Invasion, this time on the shoreline at the North end of East Shore Drive. It's a lovely sight for those of us who don't mind the occasional biodegradable goose-pile!