

DLPSA 2009 FALL NEWSLETTER

Duck Lake Peninsular Shores Association (DLPSA)
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All residents are encouraged to have an active voice in our association. Please address questions, comments, concerns or ideas to any of the DLPSA board members.

DLPSA Board Membership for 2009-10

Two new Board members were elected at the Fall Annual Meeting: Charlotte Knoll will serve the remaining one-year term of Scott Kreta who resigned from the Board in August, and Paul Grunberger will serve a two-year term replacing Jan Bachman, who retired from the Board at the Annual Meeting. We thank both Scott and Jan for their valuable contributions during their years of service. Also at the Annual Meeting, Dan Bodary and Dan Briggs were reelected to two-year terms.

Listed below are the DLPSA Board members for fiscal year 2009-10. Biosketches of the two new members are provided. (Biosketches of the continuing and reelected Board members were provided in the Spring 2009 newsletter.)

President: Duane Lueck (also Maintenance Committee)
231-276-6676 No email.

Vice President: Scott Hocking
231-276-9195 justtrucks2@att.net

Secretary: Dan Bodary
231-276-6592 bbodary@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Charlotte Knoll
231-276-3116 char3781@gmail.com
Charlotte and her husband, Paul Grunberger, are new year-round residents at 3781 East Shore Drive. Charlotte grew up in Frankenmuth, Michigan. She obtained a BS degree at CMU, and a Masters degree in Health Care Administration at George Washington University. This led to a 40 year career in Washington DC with not-for-profit health care organizations.

Director: Dan Briggs (Newsletter)
231-276-0126 (May-Oct only)
danbriggs9564@gmail.com

Director: Oral Carper (Liaison)
618-977-0671 owcarper@peoplepc.com

Director: Paul Grunberger (Historian)
301-602-2734 ducklakepaul@gmail.com
Paul and his wife, Charlotte Knoll, are new year-round residents at 3781 East Shore Drive. They moved here from the Washington, DC area in January 2009. Paul grew up in Peekskill, NY, and obtained his engineering degree at Stevens Institute. He recently retired from a

long career at the Johns Hopkins University, where he designed systems to communicate with spacecraft on science missions. He is continuing his life-long studies in science, engineering, law and financial markets

2009 Pig Roast

The Third Annual Peninsula Pig Roast held in July was once again a big success, although our unusually cool summer temperature resulted in a lower attendance than last year. This year, rather than roasting a whole pig on a spit, we reduced waste and time requirements by serving the pork as loins, along with hamburgers and hot dogs. Everyone seemed to enjoy eating the pork loins, so we will likely serve it this way again in the future. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this event, which was provided once again by Jeff Beaton, Dan Bodary, Tom Fabitz (*Landscape Management*), and Scott Hocking (*Just Trucks*). We also thank Tom Podolan for organizing the games and providing all the prizes. It was great to see the willingness of many others to help with the set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up activities. Another pig roast is scheduled for next summer, and we hope to have even more people become actively involved. This is a great way to meet your neighbors! Let us know if you are interested in participating or if you have new ideas to add to this event.

Items from 2009 Fall Annual Meeting

The Fall Annual Meeting of the DLPSA membership was held at the Schworm Park pavilion on Sunday, September 13. The complete minutes of this meeting are available on the DLPSA website at <http://webpages.charter.net/dlpsa/>. Noteworthy items from the meeting are as follows:

Work Completed and In-progress

In addition to routine maintenance activities such as grass mowing, dock installation/removal, etc., your dues payments are supporting several other items, such as:

Four dead trees were removed from Access # 2; black dirt and grass seed has been applied.

Benches and picnic tables have been constructed and/or purchased for the park.

Next Spring, white poly fencing will be installed on Accesses # 1 and #2.

Several large rocks have been added along the inside circle loop at the boat launch to keep vehicles from cutting across the grass. ***Please remember to replace and lock the chain when you have finished using the boat ramp.***

Finances

The 2009-10 fiscal year budget was approved and is summarized below. Because this fiscal year began on June 1, some items in the budget have already been paid.

Income (estimated association dues)	\$8655
Expenditures	
Office supplies	\$300
Legal	500
Fee to bond officers	135
Miscellaneous	200
Upkeep/improvements	
Keys	\$ 500
Canal weed control	500
General improvements	1,520
Boat launch dock	
install/remove	500
Lawn maintenance	4,500
	\$8655

We expect the income received from our dues-paying residents will be sufficient to fund the budget for this fiscal year. However, adequate income from dues might not be available in future years if the number of residents who pay annual dues continues to decrease. In 2007, 171 residents paid their voluntary dues. This number decreased to 149 in 2008 and to 129 in 2009. If the number of peninsula residents who are willing to pay dues continues to decrease, we will soon reach a point where we will no longer be able to fund routine yearly maintenance such as cutting grass at the park and accesses, upkeep of the park and boat launch facilities, and so forth. If anyone has ideas to increase the number of dues-paying residents, please make your ideas known to a DLPSA Board member.

New keys The meeting attendees approved issuing new keys next year for the chain at the boat launch. These keys also unlock the tennis court gates and the shuffle board equipment cabinet in the park. ***The new keys will be available to all peninsula residents who are current with their association dues (\$65/year). Information on the time and place to receive the new keys will be provided in the Spring 2010 Newsletter and with the next dues notice. The existing keys will not work after August 15, 2010.***

Updated Directory of Peninsula Residents

During the past few years, many people have asked for an updated list of peninsula residents to replace the previous list prepared in 2004. Oral Carper has compiled an updated directory of peninsula lot and home owners. In addition to street addresses, the directory includes residents' telephone numbers and emails -- if this information was available. If you wish to receive a copy of the directory, contact Charlotte Knoll (231-276-3116; char3781@gmail.com). If you wish to have your

telephone number or email removed from this directory, also contact Charlotte. (Some of you had requested that the updated directory be placed on the DLPSA website. We have not done this because of concerns expressed by some residents about making the directory so publicly available.)

Lake Water Monitoring

After the Bates moved to the U.P. this past Spring, others stepped in to help with our lake water quality monitoring program. Here is a list of water monitoring activities currently being done.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Performed By</u>
Spring Water Sampling	A.S.A.P. Spring	Aaron Stander
Secchi Disc Reading	Spring, Summer, Fall	Aaron Stander John Novak
Summer Water Sample	Summer	John Novak
Aquatic Plant Survey	Summer	Marvin Burdinie Joe Marek Oral Carper John Novak

We need more people to perform these activities. If you, or anyone you know, would like to join us and learn a little more about Duck Lake and the plants in it, as well as how to perform the activities listed above, please volunteer by calling John Novak (231-276-0361) or Oral Carper (618-977-0671).

2010 Events

These events will occur "rain or shine." ***Contact a Board member if you need more information.***

- **DLPSA Board meetings:** Board meetings are scheduled for April 5, July 6, and August 9. Contact Duane Lueck if you wish to attend a Board meeting or have an item to be discussed by the Board.
- **Spring General Meeting: Sunday, May 16, 4 pm,** in the Schworm Park pavilion.
- **Peninsula Garage Sale: Saturday, June 12, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.** DLPSA provides newspaper ads and signs. Participation is on an individual choice basis on your own property.
- **Pig Roast: Saturday, July 17, 4 pm,** at Schworm Park. This is a FREE event. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverages.
- **Fall Annual Meeting: Sunday, Sept 12, 4 pm,** in the Schworm Park pavilion. Four board members will be elected at this annual meeting. We strongly encourage new members on the board. Please let a board member know if you are willing to be nominated.

Newsletters via email – Let's go green!

Printing and mailing copies of our newsletters twice a year to each peninsula resident requires a considerable amount of paper and continually increasing postage costs. We can reduce these expenditures by sending newsletters via email. We realize email distribution will not work for everyone, but we would like to use this method whenever possible. If we can use email distribution for even a fraction of the peninsula residents, our savings in both paper and postage would be significant.

The number of us receiving the newsletter electronically is continuing to increase and now is at 37 residents. If additional residents are willing to help us decrease copying and mailing expenses, please send your name, peninsula street address, and email address to Dan Briggs at danbriggs9564@gmail.com. Thank you!

New Peninsula Residents

Do you know anyone who has recently moved here to the peninsula? If so, please notify the Board so we can welcome them and list their names in the next newsletter.

The Green Lake Township office has made us aware of the following new residents since the Spring Newsletter was issued:

Robert and Stephanie Mitchell
3939 White Birch Drive
Year-round residents here since Sept 09
From Kingsley

Dustin Phillips and Suzi Bicknell
3772 Central Park Drive
Year-round residents
From Traverse City

Daniel Purkiss
4107 Central Park Drive

Newsletter Bulletin Board (items submitted by DLPSA members)

If you have announcements (major events or milestone dates of birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) or if you have comments (positive, negative, or neutral) that you want to see included in the next edition of this newsletter, please submit them to danbriggs9564@gmail.com. We will attempt to include all your items, but we also want the Bulletin Board to be balanced – not just a forum for airing complaints! We had several items submitted for the Spring Newsletter, but there were no submissions for this newsletter.

Visit the DLPSA web site

A good way to learn the history of DLPSA and to stay current on the association's activities is to access the DLPSA web site at <http://webpages.charter.net/dlpsa/>. This site contains general information about the association and the peninsula and Duck Lake. It also

lists the association's by-laws, recent newsletters, minutes of Board meetings, and many other items of interest to peninsula residents. You can help to keep the web site interesting by suggesting additional topics and by contributing articles of your own. Contact our DLPSA "web master" Sue Carlson at garynsuec@gmail.com.

Bulletin Board Artist

(This is a repeat of an item from the previous newsletter. We still do not know the identity of our artist. Please let us know, so we can give the artist credit.)

Several members have noticed and commented positively on the bright and happy pictures that are placed on the bulletin board sign at the entrance to the peninsula with the passing of each season. We do not know who is creating these pictures, but we appreciate their work and thank them for their fine efforts. If whoever is doing this work will contact a Board member and identify yourself, we would be happy to acknowledge you by name. Please continue your good work!

Article by Guest Columnist

Why Should I Join the Green Lake Betsie River Association?

By Dave Pennington

Recently I was asked to write a short bit on why people on Duck Lake should join the Green Lake Betsie River Association. My initial reaction was to run through the list of things we do to protect and preserve both Green and Duck lakes. I thought about the water testing and plant sampling programs we do every year to watch for both pollutants and invasive plants. I reread the lengthy annual report our limnologist prepares every year chronicling the health of each lake and I recounted our successes in educating the riparians on how to be good stewards of the lake and the surrounding land.

By this point I was feeling confident that I could make a convincing argument why everyone who is reading this should happily join an organization that provides Duck Lake residents all these valuable services for only \$7.50 a year. I then looked at the membership of the riparians on Duck Lake and was puzzled. Over the years since we offered membership to Duck Lake residents only 57 out of 440 have joined. I wondered if maybe it's the name of the organization. No, it can't be that as they have the same benefits as Green Lake residents and pay half the dues. (Green Lake riparians pay \$15.) Funds are kept in a Duck Lake account and only used for Duck Lake water testing and postage expenses.

So I remain puzzled. How can you turn down a bargain like this? If you truly love your lake as much as we do, please join us. Send a check for **\$7.50 to GLBRA, P.O. Box # 23, Interlochen, MI 49643**. Please include both your summer and winter addresses for mailings. I hope you join the other 57 families who are presently paying for everyone who lives on Duck Lake.