

DLPSA 2010 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

Listed below are the DLPSA Board members for fiscal year 2009-10:

President: Duane Lueck (also Maintenance Committee)
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Vice President: Scott Hocking
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Secretary: Dan Bodary
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Director: Oral Carper (Liaison)
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Director: Paul Grunberger (Historian)
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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 July 6 and August 9. Past Board members and anyone else who has an interest are welcome to attend these meetings. Contact Duane Lueck if you wish to attend a Board meeting or have an item you want to be discussed by the Board.
- **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 meeting. We strongly encourage new members on the board. Please let a board member know if you are willing to be nominated.

Items from 2010 Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting of DLPSA was held at the Schworm Park pavilion on Sunday, May 16. 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:

New Schworm Park Well: The Board was authorized to explore the feasibility of drilling a well within Schworm Park in order to have a water source for community activities and for watering new plantings. The Board was authorized to spend up to \$4000 on this project.

Work Completed, in-Progress or Planned: In addition to routine maintenance activities such as grass mowing and dock installation/removal, your dues payments are supporting several other items, such as:

- Construction of benches and picnic tables (completed by Dan Bodary and Duane Lueck)
- Installation of white poly fencing on Accesses 1 and 2 (by Duane Lueck)
- Maintenance and improvements to several Schworm Park facilities, including:
 - Remove posts and concrete slab at tennis court; power wash the court to reduce its slippery surface (by contractor)
 - Replace boards at shuffle court; clean area and install PVC fencing around horseshoe pits; till volleyball court (by John Stuart)
 - Replace tether ball and rope; inspect and perform needed maintenance of playstation; clean inside of pavilion, including walls and ceiling (by Jeff and Kathy Bruggeman)
 - Stain benches before placing them at access areas (volunteers needed)
 - Plant shrubs around pavilion; seed grass around playstation at park and at boat launch (volunteers needed)
 - Repair basketball hoops and backboards; replace nets (volunteers needed)

To volunteer for any of these projects, please contact Duane Lueck by Sunday, June 20.

Finances

This covers the period from June 1, 2009 through May 16, 2010:

Balance as of June 1, 2009:	\$ 4049.27
Income/Receipts:	
2009-2010 Association dues	+9920.00
Tree removal credit	+100.00
Expenditures:	
Office supplies	-144.70
Legal	-20.00
Fee to bond officers	-134.66
PO Box	-24.00
Electric	-206.59
Upkeep/improvements:	
Keys	-13.25
Canal weed control (2 yr)	-1000.00
General improvements	-993.23
Boat launch: install/remove	-125.00
Lawn maintenance	-3906.15
Contribution: Lake Quality	-250.00
Balance as of May 16, 2010	\$ 7251.69

New keys: At last September's meeting, DLPSA approved issuing new keys in 2010 for the chain at the boat launch, the tennis court gate, and the shuffle board equipment cabinet. **The new keys will be available to all peninsula residents who are current with their association dues through 2010/2011 (\$65/year). New keys will be handed out at the intersection of Peninsular Shores and East Shore Drives from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 3, and on Saturday, July 17 (the day of the Pig Roast).** Residents who can't obtain their keys at these times should contact Duane Lueck to make other arrangements. **Note that the existing keys will not work after August 15, 2010.**

Newsletters via email – update

A year ago we began asking residents if we could send their newsletters via email to save on time, paper and postage costs. To date, 55 residents have signed up for email newsletters – THANK YOU!

If you haven't signed up yet, we encourage you to do so. 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.

We are aware of the following new arrival since the 2009 Fall Newsletter was issued:

- Laurie Bouwman and Brian McAllister, 3773 Central Park Drive; year-round residents on peninsula since Feb 2010; owners of Hofbrau Restaurant and Bouwman Realty Group in Interlochen.

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Please remember to (1) replace and lock the chain when you have finished using the boat ramp, (2) return shuffle board equipment to the cabinet and lock it, and (3) lock the tennis court gate when you are done playing.

The DLPSA thanks Eric Geiser of 3654 Peninsular Shores Drive for mowing the area by the DLPSA Bulletin Board (at the peninsula entrance just West of the culvert)

With all of the improvements being made to the facilities at Schworm Park, we want to maximize their use. There might be many residents who would like to get together on a regular basis with others to play shuffle board, tennis, horseshoes volleyball, or baseball. Do you have an interest in doing any of these things with your peninsula neighbors? If so, please contact John Stuart at 941-400-6480. If there is sufficient interest, we can organize a group for each activity.

Thank you to John Stuart for agreeing to be the Hospitality Contact for residents new to the peninsula!

Members' Bulletin Board

(These items are 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.)

Several members have commented how much they appreciate the bright and happy pictures that are placed on the bulletin board sign at the entrance to the peninsula. Previously, these pictures were done by Charli Bradley, who lives on the peninsula. Currently, the pictures are drawn by students in Clair Taglauer's eighth grade school class. We thank them for their good work!

Gretchen Spear, who lived on the peninsula for 22 years at 3797 East Shore Drive, recently passed away. Her family is having a memorial mass and luncheon on Monday, June 21 at 10 pm in St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Silver Lake Road. RSVP to Mary Jo Schmeck at 480-391-1706 if you plan to attend the luncheon.

Trash Collection – do we really need so many companies?

With several different trash collection companies servicing our peninsula, we are seeing, hearing, and smelling trash collection and garbage trucks several days each week. If we reduced the number of trash companies we use, the peninsula would benefit by having fewer trash days and less garbage truck traffic.

We recently surveyed the rates and services of various trash companies coming to the peninsula. All the companies would give us a discounted rate if we could assure them exclusive rights to pick up trash for everyone on the peninsula or if we could guarantee them the business of at least 85% of the residents. Of course, we can't do that!

So what CAN we do? One thing we can do is forget about trying to get group discounts and take a look at our

own particular situation and what we are paying for our services. If we do this, many of us might decide to switch to a lower cost company, and that might result in fewer companies coming to the peninsula.

Based on information from our recent survey taken on May 17, 2010, it appears that *Shoreline/Allied Waste* (1-800-968-4143) provides the best deal for people wanting weekly collection of a wheeled tote bin. We were quoted a price of \$15/month, with a recycling bin included at no added cost. If you prefer to use pre-paid garbage bags on a less-than-weekly basis, *American Waste* (231-943-8088) seems to provide the best deal. Ten bags cost \$25, and bag pick-up is free to registered customers. There is an additional charge of \$5/month if you want weekly recycling added to the bag pick-up.

Please consider whether switching to *Shoreline/Allied Waste* or *American Waste* makes sense for your situation. If you are interested, be sure to phone these companies to obtain your own rate quote because it might have changed since we talked to them, or they might be willing to negotiate with you. Also, be sure to explore any restrictions or opportunities for additional savings, such as long-term contracts. If enough people switch away from other trash companies, we can reduce the number of garbage days and garbage truck traffic on the peninsula. Our roads and all of our residents will benefit.

Guest Columnist

Recollections and Activities on Duck Lake

by Ron Shoup

My wife's family started coming to the Interlochen area in the early 1960's to camp at the State Park and enjoy NW Michigan's lakeshores and attractions. At that time, the Duck Lake peninsula was mostly woods and no houses. Our family started camping at Duck Lake in 1991 with three other families. As our kids were growing up, we made it a summer tradition to head north to Interlochen for a couple of weeks, where we learned to tube, water ski, fish, and sample the area's many fine restaurants and shops. My vacation bike rides around Green, Duck, and Long Lakes gave me some exercise and time to evaluate neighborhoods and locations, and we were happy to eventually find a nice property on the Duck Lake peninsula for our vacation home.

The lake has changed over the last 40 years. The peninsula is now a residential neighborhood and only a couple of lakeshore lots remain, but we still have an outstanding gem in Duck Lake. The water clarity and chemistry tests have consistently been very good, and wildlife has not been lacking in the area. In recent years, we have seen a black bear cross East Duck Lake Road near the Rainbow Pond area, a swimming deer in the southern bay of the lake, a family of otters off the logs near Southeast Point, and a few bald eagles at the north and south ends of the lake. Our own lot's shoreline has provided homes for a muskrat and various birds in the reeds and cattails. A loon frequents the area in east bay directly out from our home.

We often kayak the lake and its shorelines. Kayaks give us the opportunity to travel in inches of water, and we have used the occasions to de-trash the lake shore of trash and litter. Most of what we find has probably blown off someone's dock in a storm rather than flagrant littering. This April we found plastic 5 gallon pails, broken buckets, a couple of life jackets, drink cans, torn up inflatables, a soft-drink delivery tray almost permanently embedded in reeds, and even a fairly new 100 ft garden hose (returned to the nearest dock). Removing these materials before they become a permanent part of our lake is something we can all do when we are on the lake this summer.

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"That's not a white cannon on my kayak- it's rather the plastic buckets and other trash found along the south and southwest shoreline." - Ron

The Elden and Carole Zang family has committed to keeping our common drives on the peninsula clear of trash. As we have the time, we have walked along East Duck Lake road towards town with trash bags and picked up the roadside debris and litter. My "best" find was a portable dehumidifier stuck back in the woods that someone apparently did not want to decommission properly. Hiking the roadways is a good way to get exercise and at the same time help preserve the beauty of our drive into Traverse City.

Thanks to all of you who continue to make the area attractive to residents and visitors

(PS: This spring, Menard's sold a pickup gripper tool for \$2 that saves the back and keeps the hands clean.)

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