

Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association



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Lake meeting and picnic Saturday, July 12

The annual Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association meeting will be held Saturday, July 12, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the Richland Township / Village of Prescott Hall, 203 N. Sherman Street in Prescott. Discussion will cover weed control. Property owners that have a weed concern should contact Dave Sommers before the meeting so he can forward the concern to Progressive Engineering. Phone number and email address is in the letter-head above. Any person interested in representing the east end of the lake or any part of the lake should also contact Dave. In addition there will be the election of association president and all four directors.

Judy and Ken Sheehan will host the picnic this year the day of the meeting July 12, at 6:30 p.m. Their address is 3153 S. Henderson Lake Road. Please bring a dish to pass. Brats, hot dogs, pop and tableware will be provided. You may come by boat, drive or walk.

New Hardwood Lake logo introduced

The new Hardwood Lake logo designed by Kay Fernandez is shown at right in black & white. The actual colors are blue water with green and brown tree and black type. She is taking orders for \$10 per logo and will show samples at the annual meeting July 12. To have a personalized item done please bring it to the meeting. There are two variations - one with UP NORTH in the upper left hand corner and another without the words UP NORTH as shown. Both cost the same.



Boating Safety Rules and Regulations

Personal Flotation Device (PFD)

- You must have one Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person on board your boat. They must be US Coast Guard approved and be of the proper size for the person.
- If your boat is over 16 feet you must have a type 4 (throwable) PFD on board. This is usually a ring buoy or seat cushion. PFD's must be in good condition and readily available. That means they can not be stored inside cabins or storage areas.
- Children under 6 **MUST** wear a type 1 or type 2 PFD when on a boat, unless they are inside a cabin area.

Personal Water Craft (PWC)

- A PWC is defined as a vessel you ride on as opposed to in. A PWC operator must obey all boating laws. There are additional laws just for PWC's.
- Each person riding on or towed behind a PWC must wear a PFD.
- Children under 7 may not ride on a PWC unless with a parent, guardian or designee of a parent or guardian.
- You must be at least 14 years old and have a Boating Safety Certificate with you to operate a PWC. If you were born in 1979 or later you must have a Boating Safety Certificate with you to operate a PWC.
- PWC may **only** operate between the hours of 8 am to one hour before sunset.
- If operating at a greater than idle speed, a PWC must not cross within 150 feet behind another boat other than another PWC.

Direction of operation for all watercraft

You must operate your boat in a counter-clockwise direction on the lake.

Distance from shore, boats, rafts

If operating at a greater than idle speed you must stay 100 feet from a shoreline, a moored or anchored boat, a dock or raft, marked swimming area or a person in the water.

Hours of operation

High speed boating (the boat up on plane) is restricted to the hours between 11 am and 7:30 pm on Hardwood Lake.

Registration number

MC numbers must be on both sides of the forward half of the watercraft.

They must be in block letters at least 3 inches high and in contrasting color with the boat. Letters and numbers must be separated by a space or hyphen. Example MC 1234 ZW or MC-1234-ZW. No other numbers can be displayed on either side of the bow. The validation decal must be affixed to both sides of the boat three inches following the last character of the registration number.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable time on Hardwood Lake. These boating safety tips are provided as a courtesy reminder for you by the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association. **All rules and regulations are State of Michigan Law.** For further information contact the Ogemaw County Sheriff or the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr

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New Richland Township Hall

Groundbreaking for the new Richland Township Hall site was Monday, June 2nd. Turning the first shovel of soil are Richland Township officials L-R Lila Fegan, Supervisor, Brian Bellville, Trustee, Wava Fischer, Treasurer, Ruth Keeley, Clerk and Judy Sheehan, Trustee.

The hall will be built on 40 acres the township already owns at Scheffer and McLean Roads. It is scheduled for completion at the end of August.

The location was chosen because it was the best to build on with room for expansion in the future. In addition the soil was excellent for the septic drainage giving increased savings where other sites had poor soil which would have raised costs.

New neighbors?

It is important that we keep an up-to-date records of all property owners on Hardwood Lake.

We can't locate a current mailing address for Leonard Chorian at 3276 Hardwood Heights Rd. Does anyone know what it is?

Does anyone know if a home sold over the past year on Gillings Road?

If you know of a property that has sold or up for sale please call or email Judy Sheehan (listed on masthead) and give her the house number or name of the owner selling and she will get the rest of the information.



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Local calendar of events

July 4 Heritage Days, Downtown West Branch, lots of family fun, art show, parade, 2 mile fun run, duck race, Voyageur encampment, Paddle dance, Heritage Art Show, sidewalk sales, beverage tent, entertainment.
FIREWORKS!

July 4 - Independence Day Grand Parade and Fireworks - Tawas

July 4 - FIREWORKS, Newman Park, Skidway Lake at dusk.

July 4th or 5 - Fourth of July, Skidway Lake Parade, fireworks and more! Dates tentative - call 989 873-4150.

July 11 - H.O.G. Rally, Ogemaw County Fairgrounds - Harley Owners' Group annual convergence. Show Off Your Iron - Downtown West Branch, bike display.

July 16-20 Tawas Summerfest 2003 Midway July 16-19; Kids Bike/Pet Parade July 18; Street Dance/Classic Car Cruise July 19; Classic Car Show July 20; Dawn Patrol Fly-in/Pancake Breakfast July 20.

August 9-10 Victorian Art Fair, Irons Park in West Branch. 275 vendors, kids' games, entertainment and food.

August 12-17 Ogemaw County Fair.

August 30-31 - Tawas 13th Annual Labor Day Arts & Crafts Show.

September 27-28 - Northern Michigan Lamb & Wool Show - Ogemaw County Fairgrounds.

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