

Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association

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Nature reserve in Richland Township open

Richland Township donated a 10-acre parcel of land to the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy in July of 2011. It is open to the public as a nature reserve.

The land was acquired in 2008 as a donation from Bernard and Kathleen Fegan of Sylvania, Ohio, who own land in Richland Township.

Other projects had to be done ahead. A proper parking area was needed before the SBLC would open the property to the public.

It has been described as "one of our smaller reserves but a lot of unique features".

The reserve is located on Greenwood Road, about a quarter mile east of Cranberry Lake Road. There is a walking path cut through the reserve in addition to wetlands which feed into Cranberry Lake.



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The newsletter is in **color** on the web site.

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Lake news

The marsh helps filter water entering the lake.

Greg Eagle, SBLC land protection specialist, said "Besides (being) a wildlife habitat, it also filters water. Wetlands do a good job of filtering agricultural runoff."

For more information on the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy see www.sblc-mi.org

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Phragmites, a troublesome weed, was discovered by a DNR official as he drove along Henderson Lake Road last summer, it was spotted just south of the drain tubes on the lake side. There are plans to conduct a treatment in 2013.

Sunrise Side Wine & Hops Trail

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Goose Control

There have been many complaints about the growing Canada Goose population on Hardwood Lake. It can be interesting to watch the birds and see the goslings grow but there are nuisance issues. The geese like eating the manicured lawns but while munching on the grass leave droppings, making



some yards almost unusable. Goose feces in the lake can cause "swimmers itch". There have been reports from residents who have contacted it.

The Hardwood Lake Property Owners As-

sociation has contracted with Goose Busters to conduct a goose roundup. It is tentatively scheduled to take place during the last two weeks of June.

Once the geese are captured they are relocated. In this part of the state they are usually taken to the Crow Island State Game Refuge near the Zilwaukee Bridge. In some cases, the geese will be destroyed (killed) with the birds taken to a processor and donated to a charitable organization.

Permits are required which is complicated, needing approval from the Federal and State and local government. The association has already secured permits.

Both Richland and Logan Townships townships have approved the resolution to conduct goose control.

The Lake Association will cover the cost of the program for the first year.

McGregor's has new owner after 23 years



Ole Thorson, left, and his mother are the new owners of McGregor's Country Store located at the corner Mills Rd. & Henderson Lake Rd.

After 23 years in the business, Glenda & Bob McGregor decided to retire last fall. The name of the store will stay the same along with the store contents with some new items added.

Store hours are 7-11 daily, 8-11 on Sundays. The phone number remains the same 989-873-3863.

Ole is at the store 7-9 a.m. daily to see that things are running smoothly then cuts timber.



Lake Association meeting

The Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association annual meeting is scheduled 9 am, Saturday, July 6, 2013 at the Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M-55.

The annual picnic for 2013 has been canceled.

Looking for something to do?

Check out the local area websites for up-to-the-minute activities.

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