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## Spring 2018

The newsletter is  
in **color** on the website.



A tranquil moment on Hardwood Lake.

## Summer potluck picnic to resume

Lake Association President, Kevin Ohlrogge announced a return of the Lake Association family potluck picnic on June 23, 2018 starting at 5 PM. Kevin and Debbie will host it at their cabin located on 3106 Gillings Rd. It is the big yellow cottage in the southeast corner of the lake if you come by boat.

“After years of declining attendance we put the picnic on pause for a few years,” Kevin

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explained. "With quite a few new residents we figured it was time to try it again. It is a good time for residents to get to know one another." The picnic was last held in 2012.

This is open to all property owners. The picnic will be potluck style, with the association providing the main dish. Dan Joseph, one of the directors, will be smoking pulled pork and chicken quarters

"This is a family picnic," Kevin continued. "So if Uncle Fred and the relatives are visiting, bring them along. The more the merrier."

Dan is a member of 40 Caliber BBQ, a competition BBQ team competing on the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) circuit. The KCBS runs over 500 competitions worldwide, and serves as a promoter of BBQ, while

partnering with food and charity organizations. Dan and his team compete in the midwest region, traveling around Indiana and Michigan from March through October.

If you can RSVP ahead of time, that would be appreciated to get a head count for the pulled pork and chicken. RSVP to Kevin at 248-202-8792 or kevinohlrogge@aol.com by June 18.

In addition to the meat, the association will supply drinks, plates and utensils. Bring a dish to pass and come out and enjoy good food and fellowship as

you get to know your neighbors. If you don't get that dish made, feel free to attend anyway. If you have any games you like, such as horseshoes or corn hole, bring them along.

### Family Potluck Picnic

Saturday, June 23, 2018  
5:00 PM  
3106 Gillings Rd

## Lake weed control

The lake weed control project will continue with treatment similar to past years.

Progressive Engineering surveys the lake in mid-May to see what type of weeds are start-

ing to grow then determines the plan of treatment.

Generally there will be spot treatments for invasive weeds.

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## Condolences

- To the Eberhardt family.

Gary Eberhardt of Flushing, passed away March 12, 2018 at the age of 79 after a lengthy illness.

- To the Wolven family.

Esther Wolven, of Clawson passed away on December 8, 2017 in Troy, Michigan at the age of 83.

- To the Pietrzak family.

Elizabeth Pietrzak passed away May18, 2018

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## Weed control continued

Depending on how effective early treatments are along with weed growth, there may be harvesting. One fairly new weed is Starry Stonewort, which is proving troublesome, not only for Hardwood Lake but statewide.

Algae treatments are expected for the three main holidays and as needed. Operating under state permits there are some restrictions.

Progressive Engineering is also conducting a watershed study to determine if there is an inflow of nutrients or other issues causing the abundance of algae seen in the past few years.

At a recent Association meeting there was some discussion about placing a floating boom to try to capture some of the algae from entering the lake along Gillings Road.

The Association, with dues money, has purchased a boom that will be placed at the very northeast corner of the lake, near the

drain tube passing under Gillings Road. It will be very close to the shore and won't inhibit fishing, boating or kayaking. Kevin Ohlrogge has taken the lead on this.

The Association has invested a little over \$800 for this project. Funding is NOT from the lake improvement special assessment.



## Fish black spots

There have been some concerns about fish with black spots.

According to Kathrin Schrouder, a Fisheries Biologist with the State of Michigan - she reports:

As with most fish parasites or diseases, they are not harmful to people. You can fillet and cook the fish fully as normal. Black spot is caused by larval trematodes (very similar to yellow grub fish parasites except with different hosts). The life cycle involves snails and kingfishers. Yellow grub involves snails and herons.

It is quite common.

In an effort to help keep lake residents up-to-date on happenings around Hardwood Lake, the Lake Association asked Brian and Sandy Schafer to create a Facebook group. Search for: Hardwood Lake. It is a closed group meaning you have to be invited to join. Contact Brian or Sandy at [brsakala@gmail.com](mailto:brsakala@gmail.com)

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## Lake Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 7, 2018  
9:00 A.M.  
Logan Township Hall  
4507 E. M-55

## Lake Board Annual Meeting

Monday, October 8, 2018  
7:00 P.M.  
Logan Township Hall  
4507 E. M-55

### Looking for something to do?

Check out local area websites  
for current activities.

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