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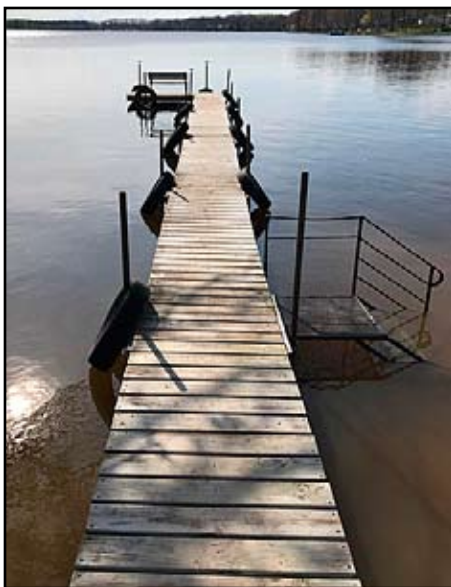
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in color on the website and Facebook.



Heavy rains hit Hardwood Lake Monday, May 18 causing a rapid and dramatic rise



in lake levels. President, Kevin Ohlrogge took a photo of his dock Saturday, left, and

Monday, right. High levels caused some boats to float out of their hoists and drift free.

Boaters need to remember to use extra caution during high water. Boat wakes can cause damage to docks, boats and shorelines.

Boaters are responsible for any damage they may cause. Please slow down and be considerate of your neighbors.

The Hardwood Lake weed control project has been underway for almost 25 years. Funding for the project comes from a special assessment on your property taxes.

A Special Assessment District was established with the Hardwood Lake Improvement Board determining the tax rate. This is done at a public hearing every four years.

On Saturday, July 18, 2020 there will be two public hearings at the Logan Township Hall,

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Lake Association update

4507 E. M-55. The first hearing, which is scheduled at 9:00 a.m., is a determination to continue the project. If that is approved a second public hearing will convene immediately after to determine the actual tax rate.

All taxpayers of record will be sent a letter of notification.

The tax rate is established for a four-year period. The current program expires at the end of 2020.

“We really need to have the hearings” said Dave Sommers, the Lake Board representative. “Even with the COVID issue we can conduct the meeting with social distancing. The tax assessment will expire unless we hold the hearings.”

Lake engineer Paul Hausler will present findings on a four-year watershed analysis to determine if nutrients are flowing into the lake from the 4,000 acre drainage basin.

Appropriate accommodations will be made if the COVID issue continues.

Following the two hearings, the Hardwood Lake Property Association will hold its annual meeting.

On the agenda will be a vote for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. These positions are voted on in even years.

The COVID issue should not affect this year’s weed control project. Lake engineer



The Lake Association board met via Zoom in mid-May.

Paul Hausler of Progressive Engineering, was delayed in the spring inspection for several weeks because of the Governor’s stay-at-home order then heavy rain in mid-May. The spring inspection of the lake was scheduled for late May. Fortunately the cool spring will delay weed growth. Paul will make recommendations on treatments based on his findings.

If you are finding trouble areas, contact Lake Board representative Dave Sommers.

Weed control update

There were five chemical treatments in 2019. The primary treatments this year will be for algae. Other weeds to be treated will include Eurasian milfoil, coontail, starry stonewort, water lily and various nuisance plants. Treatment maps and information is posted on the web under “Late Breaking News” and also posted on Facebook.

Algae has been a major issue. A watershed analysis was conducted to determine if additional nutrients flowing into the lake causes algae growth.

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2020 events

Last summer saw several new events on the lake. Unfortunately the COVID issue scuttled the planned summer picnic for this year. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 26, 2021**. Details will come next year.

Other events planned but subject to change are:

- July 4, 2020 2:00 p.m. Boat Parade.
- July 18, 2020 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing on weed control and annual association meeting
- August 1, 2020 7:00 p.m. Kayak around the lake
- August 15, 2020 7:00 p.m. Ice cream event

Kids at play sign proves popular

You may have seen the Kids at Play signs sprouting along the road.

The association purchased several small signs to be placed near the road to remind drivers to slow down and make it safe.

They have proven to be popular so the association will purchase more.

The idea was that residents would place them near the road when they are at the lake. As the signs pop up randomly, they will be noticed as something new rather than an "official" county road sign.

Contact Vice President Clay Dees for information and a sign.



Eleanor grew up the daughter of a water and well driller and farmer. Her parents owned and operated a rustic campground on Johnson Lake.

She was a hard worker all her life working as a secretary, school aid, 4H Leader and mail carrier.

Myron "Mike" Campbell, 81, of Linden, died April 5, 2020.

Mike retired from General Motors. He loved antique cars, woodworking and spending time on the lake up north. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann on March 17, 2000.

He is survived by special friend, Noemi Cantu.

To 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 ask to be invited to join. Contact Brian or Sandy at brsakala@gmail.com



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Lake Board Annual Public Meeting

Saturday, July 18, 2020
9:00 a.m.
Logan Township Hall
4507 E. M-55



Lake and lawn care

It's good that residents rake weeds from the lake in front of their property. But please remove those weeds from the water and dispose of them. If you leave them to float away they eventually end up on a beach for someone else to pick up.

Grass trimmings blown into the lake also create a nuisance for neighbors.

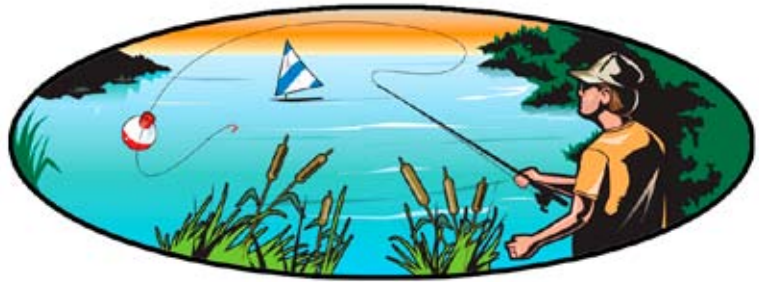
Use lawn fertilizer sparingly. It washes into the lake fertilizing the very weeds we are paying to control.

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Dues Notice

The 2020-2021 Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association dues of \$15 are due. Fiscal year for the lake association is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Some advantages of belonging to the association include newsletters, meeting refreshments and other events. Visit the web site at www.hardwoodlake.org. In the past, the lake association was instrumental in starting the lake weed control project and road dust control.

The newsletter is posted online in color.

Please send payment to:

Margo Dees, Secretary / Treasurer
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7174 Glenburnie Lane
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If you have questions call Margo at 248-625-5557 or email clamar1976@yahoo.com
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