

The Dunham Laker

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GOOD-BYE SUMMER HELLO FALL!

BY SCOTT OSWALD



While Summer has its perks, I enjoy Fall just as much. The days are still warm but the nights turn crisp, the changing color of the tree leaves, the harvests and... Oh the Apples!

Summer was great! Your neighbors and Board Members have been busy! Paddle boards and kayaks have circled the lake. Swimmers and sunbathers enjoyed the beaches.

The Pig Roast and parade was a success, thank you to Dave Geen for leading the charge and the many helpers who came together to prepare and serve. See you again next August! The Northville Folk came to play music at our park—what great fun!! Check out the photos on the following pages for these events.

Whoooo Came to Visit?

(DID YOU KNOW OWLS DON'T REALLY HOOT!)

Another fun and educational time for adults and kids alike, was when Beth Baumgartner from the Howell Nature Center made a return trip to visit us at the main park this past September with an interesting presentation on Owls!!

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**COME ONE AND COME ALL TO THE
Fall Workbee on Saturday, October 27 @ 9:00 am**



In The Know

Sheriff's Numbers

Oakland County
248-858-4911

Livingston County
517-546-9111

For Emergencies Dial
911

DLPOA Park Patrol
(Nathan) 248-534-9053

Report Road Problems and Missing Signs to:

Oakland County
Road Commission
248-858-4804

Livingston County
Road Commission
517-546-4250



BIG THANK YOU TO ALL

Park and beach cleanup, night locking and parkland patrols have ended for the season. Thank you to all the kids and to Nathan for all their hard work. Remember, sign up and scheduling for the beach cleanup opportunities will start again next April. Thank you to Board members Wes Watt for keeping the rafts clean of the duck and bird droppings for our swimmers and to Tom Teeters for keeping a close eye on the porta johns and dumpsters being kept emptied.

Thank you all for using your DLPOA parking lot hang tags! This effort has helped tremendously to support Nathan's patrol effort and ensure parking space availability. Please

remember, parties of 10+ at main park need to be registered with the Board representative to make sure adequate picnic space will be available.

WE'RE LISTENING...

The Survey Committee has wrapped up their initial result tabulations and are working their way through the written comments. Many of you shared thoughts for the Board's consideration, we thank you for that! We expect to publish a summary of these findings by Spring.

CALLING ALL ANGLERS

The Fish and Water Study has been ongoing all summer and should wrap up this fall. Samples have been taken and will be analyzed. **Dunham Lake Fishermen—we still need your help!** Please continue to provide fish scale samples from your catches in the baggies provided at the main park bulletin board and return them to Ed Cesa. We are still accepting these records to supplement the netting results. We expect to publish a summary of these findings also by Spring. Thank you to Ed and Cinda for seeing this through.

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT



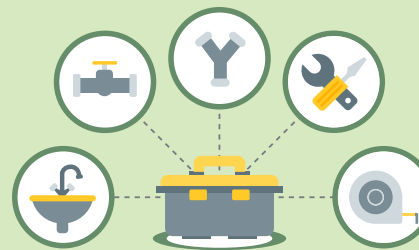
JOE BALSER is a 3-time winner in this years **2018 Michigan Senior Olympics**

Joe won a **Gold Metal** in racquetball doubles, a **Silver Metal** in racquetball singles, and a **Bronze Metal** in table tennis doubles. All in the age group of 75 to 79 years old. He now qualifies for the National Senior Olympics in Albuquerque next year. **Awesome Joe!**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Some invasive plants have been addressed this year but we are lacking in this effort. The Board is looking for **ALL ecology-minded folks** to speak up, step up, and get involved! Be a resource and contribute to this ongoing effort. We have a gem with our lake and greenbelt; we need to continue the resolve set forth by our predecessors. A great wealth of information and planning is already in place, but we need your help to implement and guide resident volunteers, and hired professionals to execute these plans.

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OAK WILT IS HERE!

Oak Wilt has been documented in this neighborhood. The Michigan Oak Wilt Organization (www.michiganoakwilt.org) suggests the trimming or pruning of oak trees be completed from October 15 until April 15. If you must cut, please consult a certified arborist and if you have storm damaged trees, please address them ASAP (within 24 hours recommended) and seal ALL wounds with an appropriate latex tree product. If any signs of Oak Wilt are observed on the greenbelt, please alert a Board member ASAP.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS

There are a few upcoming infrastructure projects—some that will be addressed this fall. The bridge deck over the Ore Creek outlet will need to be replaced as some of the boards have rotted out. A new walkway will need to be constructed crossing the water at the path leading from Dunham Road to the west lake trail—wooden sections will be assembled and a crew will be gathered for its installation. The swim docks will need decking and carpet replacements come spring. The walk-through gate closers will also be installed.

Meet at the main park for the **Fall Workbee**, which will be starting at 9am, Saturday, October 27th. This is a great way to meet neighbors and serve your neighborhood! Please come out and help us pack up the parkland and prepare for winter; pull the rafts on shore, stack the tables, put away the rope and slide at East Beach. Juice and Donuts will be available for those that arrive early!!

Board member Gary Burke and his wife Jessica have expressed an interest in continuing a **Halloween Haunted Trail** tradition, down at the Main Park. Please contact Gary at **(989-506-9608 or mgaryburke@gmail.com)** if you want to assist, have ideas, donate supplies or want to be spooky volunteers. **Look for E-GROUP postings for the date & time for this event.** Great fun for the kids and adults too!

See you down at the lake this fall! — *Scott Oswald, Board President*

SURVEY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. Your input will help our Board in making decisions that affect us all. We are still in the process of compiling and analyzing the data. Congratulations to Brian and Jan Ives who are the lucky winners of the \$100 gift card. Special thanks to the survey committee participants for giving their time and energy in completing this project. **Thank you again!**

Fred Everhart, V.P. DLPOA Board

BABYSITTING

Emma Brian	Age 15	248-330-0128
Ella Gardner	Age 15	248-981-4820
Abby Gardner	Age 13	248-981-4820
Daeya Hermanson	Age 15	248-798-9825
Ashleigh McFall	Age 16	248-860-3169
Grayce Nist	Age 16	810-210-6303
Katy Nist	Age 15	810-210-6303
Sam Ralston	Age 14	248-459-6582

PET SITTING

Emma Brian	Age 15	248-330-0128
Nick Haley	Age 15	248-904-9833
Ashleigh McFall	Age 16	248-860-3169
Grayce Nist	Age 16	810-210-6303
Katy Nist	Age 15	810-210-6303

HOUSESITTING/PET SITTING

Hannah Brian	Age 18	248-330-0128
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YARDWORK

Sam Ralston	Age 14	248-459-6582
Ella Gardner	Age 15	248-981-4820
Abby Gardner	Age 13	248-981-4820

LAWN CARE/SNOW SERVICE

Garrison York	Age 17	248-807-1704
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BOAT MOVING

Ben Karr	Age 18	248-807-5836
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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Would love your help to keep this list current with accurate phone numbers or if you would like your contact information removed from the *Dunham Laker* newsletter. Are you for hire? I would be glad to add your name to this list.

Please email Pam Moran at **beachmoran@comcast.net** with names, ages and phone numbers.





Nature's MINUTE

WITH PAT HERREL

DUNHAM LAKE WATER CLARITY

As important as keeping the Green Zone around Dunham Lake healthy—is keeping the lake itself healthy. A simple but critical tool to measure the lake's health is to measure its clarity. The measurement is done using a Secchi disk, which is a black and white disk that is lowered into the water and measured at the point where it no longer can be seen. Historically, our lake measures about 8 feet in the spring to 14 feet in the late summer. This classifies our lake as a "Mesotrophic Lake", which has intermediate level of productivity, clear water with beds of submerged aquatic plants and medium level of nutrients. Most lakes in southeast Michigan have Secchi disk transparencies of less than 10 feet. If long term sampling shows a trend of higher Secchi disk transparencies it could indicate the presence of Zebra mussels (Elizabeth Lake in Oakland County had 34 foot Secchi disk readings in the summer 1996). On the other hand, runoff from fertilizers can reduce the water clarity and lower the Secchi disk transparency to below 7 feet. It takes many years of regular and consistent sampling to detect a statistically significant trend in water quality. So far our lake has been spared the effects Zebra mussels with only minor fertilizer runoff. *Let's all work to keep it that way!*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS...

These families are new to our neighborhood!

- Sean & Lisa Dennis on Parkway
- Brian & Alexandria Cabell on Plover
- Mary Jeffrey on Woodcock Way
- Jason Coon bought 2 lots

DLPOA E-GROUP

THIS IS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR OUR AREA IN REAL-TIME!

Sign-up for the online group by contacting Carol VanSpybrook at cvanspy@gmail.com. The information about events and other important neighborhood news happens here in this forum. You can post questions, receive answers, post lost items, find missing pets/owners, see upcoming events with times and locations.

The *Dunham Laker* might miss an event due to publication times but you will always be in the know with the e-group site. JOIN TODAY!



DID YOU KNOW THIS HAPPENED?

One August evening, out taking some pictures and chatting with my neighbor, we look up to see a loose horse galloping down the road coming right at us! You don't see that everyday... the police were called and while a group of neighbors all gathered, we worried she was heading towards M-59 into traffic—which is exactly what she did. In a post on the Internet, we saw she was caught on the other side of M-59. Luckily there was a happy ending, she made it back home and no one was hurt. Many thanks to the folks that knew how to capture a horse!



LOOKING FOR STORY IDEAS AND INTERESTING TIDBITS

I love working on the *Dunham Laker* and my goal here is to make this a truly informative, positive and eye-catching newsletter for our community so people of all ages enjoy reading it. I am reaching out to all of you, to see if there is something you think would be of value to include for everyone in the newsletters. We are lucky

to have Pat Herrel our neighbor, contribute interesting articles for her special "Nature's Minute" in each issue. Another contributor was Larry Falardeau, who was the author of the Kettle Lake article in the summer issue. Look on page 10 for an interesting article from John and Carol Pettipher in this fall issue.

I would like to add an area to spotlight a neighbor in our community who has an interesting story or an accomplishment to share. If you would like to spotlight someone I would love to hear from you and include it in the newsletters.

I am open to suggestions, so if you have an idea for an article, or you would like to write something of interest for our community, please contact me.

Thank you—and I looking forward to hearing from you.

Pam Moran | beachmoran@comcast.net
Dunham Laker Editor



Hello! I'm Nathan Hunter

For those who have lived here for years or if you are new to our community I thought it would be helpful to know more about the cool guy you see biking on the path during the summer months!

Nathan has been a great asset for our community over many years to keep everyone's experience at the lake a safe and happy one.

Thank you Nathan!

Nathan patrols the summer season, Memorial Day through Labor Day

I serve as Dunham Lake Park Patrol during the summer season. I have worked in this capacity for the past eight years. Over the course of that time I have watched most of your children grow up and have become friends with many of the families in our community! I sincerely appreciate all of the kindness and support I have received during this time!

My background comes from a wide range of experiences. I am a former professional athlete and I have lived and traveled extensively throughout the world. I have extensive experiences in the art of food and wine pairings and am in fact, licensed as a Sommelier (trained and knowledgeable wine professional).

I also work as a personal trainer and own a studio in Shelby Township specializing in Self Defense, Kickboxing and Krav Maga. We also offer Individual Personal Training, Sports Specific Training and Nutrition Consultation. In addition, I am a professor in the Wellness Department at Macomb Community College. My classes there include Nutrition, Kickboxing, Strength and Conditioning and Self Defense.

It is my hope to help each of you have a very happy and safe summer. My responsibilities include monitoring the park for trespassers and various safety issues, monitoring the parkland trails and beaches and monitoring the gated parking lots. I also promote the Dunham Lake designated Rules and Guidelines and aid in their compliance.

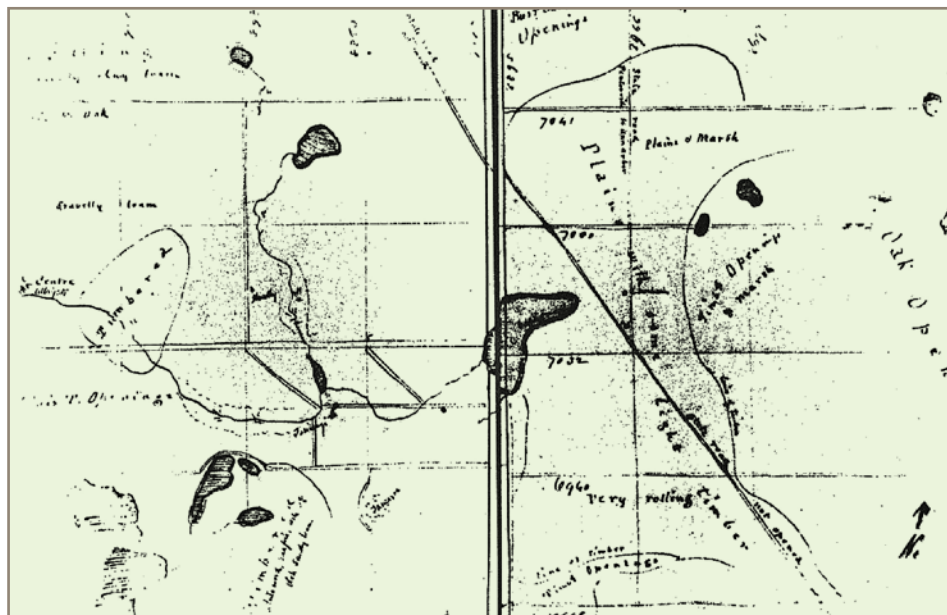
It is my hope and goal to make the environment not only safe for all residents and their guests, but to help everyone enjoy the summers at Dunham Lake in any way possible! Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of assistance in any way. As a reminder, you can reach me on the Dunham Lake Park Patrol number with issues during the hours that I am on Patrol at **248.534.9053**. If you have security concerns at other hours or of a serious nature consult your local law enforcement for your community!

I hope you all had a happy summer and I will see you again in the 2019 summer season!

Nathan Hunter
Dunham Lake Park Patrol

The History of Dunham Lake

PART TWO: SETTLEMENT BEGINS – By Carolyn Richards



The map above was done almost twenty years after the original survey was done, by surveyor Bela Hubbard, who used the original survey maps (which stand today with minor corrections) and added cultural details. Notice the "proposed state road" (the former Shiawassee Trail?); Dunham Lake (then called Andrus Lake) in the middle of the map referred to as a "bed of marl;" Elijah Dunham's residence, east of the lake on the Fentonville to Ann Arbor State road. You can also note that the area was lightly timbered.

The First Settler

The following letter is based on historical research and could have been written by early settler Elijah Dunham on July 9, 1835.

"Dear Future Lake Residents: Today is such a wonderful day! I just bought 160 acres on the east side of the north end of your beautiful lake. We will be so happy here! This is where we'll build our home. We were very

lucky that no one else had claimed any of the lake property yet. Land buyers are going crazy, even buying land they have never seen! I myself have purchased over 600 acres in Highland. President Van Buren of the U.S. Government is charging \$1.25 an acre, cash. Most everything is taken between here and Detroit. This period of land speculation can't last."



[Writer's note: In 1837 the Great Depression occurred.]

"I guess I'd better introduce myself. I'm Elijah Dunham, a 35 year-old farmer from Monroe County, New York. My wife Sally is here with our children, Eben, 20; John, 15; Elizabeth, 10; and little baby Sarah, who is only 15 months old"

[Writer's note: In the 1850 census for Highland Township, Elijah is listed with wife Sally and daughter Sarah. The other children mentioned here are not listed. Eben and John were the children of Daniel Dunham. I have not been able to find a good genealogy of the Dunham family.]

"We've stayed long enough with my brother and his family, Daniel and Harriet Dunham. They came three years ago with the original group of 14 settlers to Highland, including Jesse Tenny, John Morse and Eli Lee."

They all settled near each other — the Tenny Settlement — just west of the stone barn on Lone Tree Road, near the first schoolhouse.

"When my brother wrote to me stating how wonderful Highland was, I came to help and to look the area over, arriving late in 1833. The rest of my family stayed behind because Sally was pregnant."

His letters were right. The few remaining Indians were no threat. In fact, they even helped by furnishing game, deerskin, turkeys, honey, and baskets. Some settlers even let them borrow guns to hunt with and the Indians brought back some game in exchange. And there are abundant bear, turkey, lynx, wolves, fish, berries, lakes and streams. The land is amazingly ready for farming. Annual fires had previously swept the land, so there are lots of clearings with grass for the cattle. The black, gravelly loam is good for growing wheat and is easy to work.

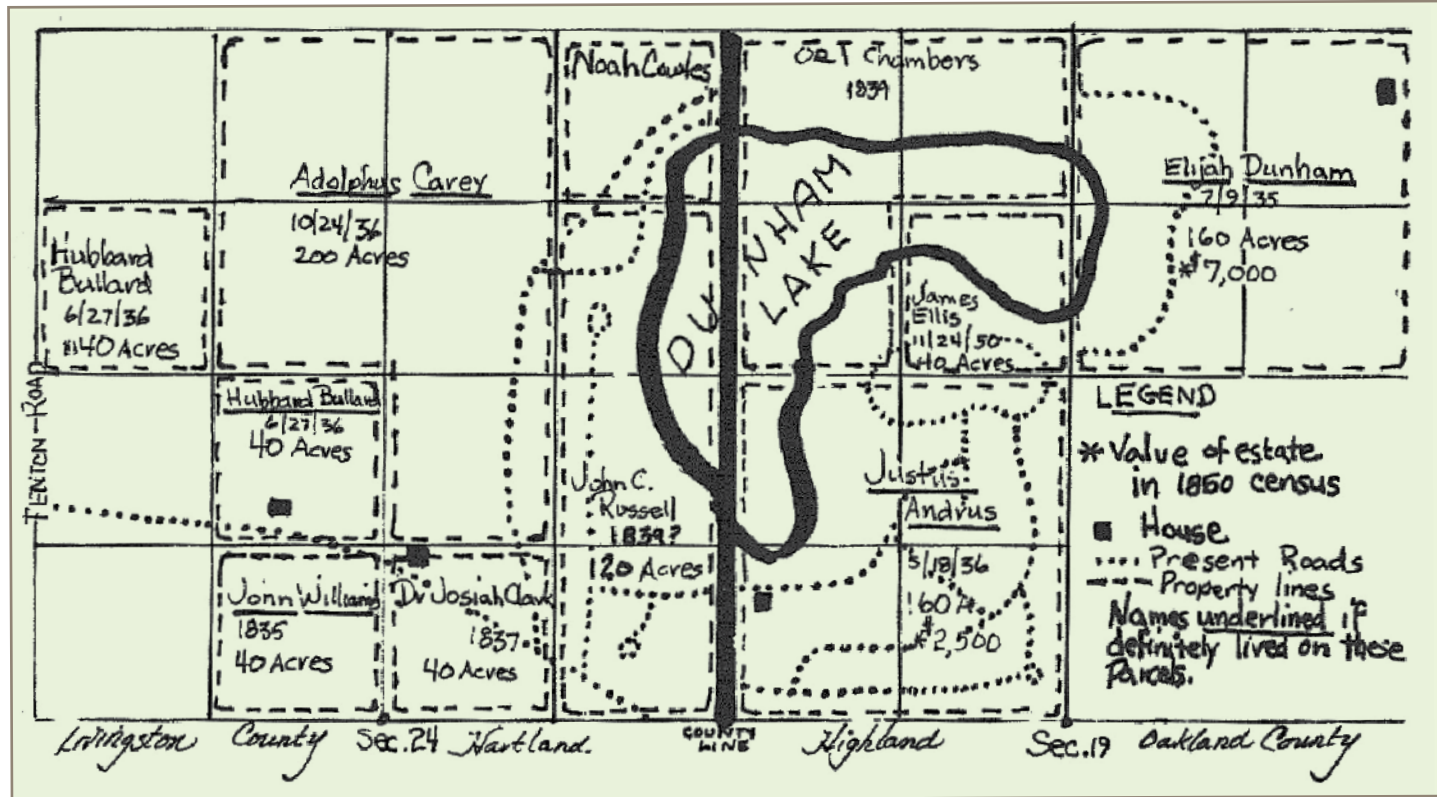
Those first pioneer families of 1833 built temporary shelters to live in during the summer while some of the land was cleared and permanent log cabins were erected. Some used a blanket as a door at first. They had to throw live coals at the wolves to keep them from entering the cabin. The wolves prowled around the house and made the night hideously frightening with their cries. Twelve Baptists from the area met in Jesse Tenny's home and invited representatives from other Baptist churches to meet with them and officially form our church. On January 16, 1834 representatives came on horseback, oxcart, and on foot and they formed the Highland Baptist Church. It was the first of any



denomination to be formed in this section of the state. Brother Daniel was appointed the first deacon.

"The day before the meeting, it was necessary for Jesse, Noah Morse, and me to go to the Dexter mill thirty miles away. In order to get back in time, we traveled most of the night, reaching home at 3a.m.! Usually two days were allowed for the trip. I returned to Monroe County and brought my family back to Highland in the fall of 1834. Thank goodness for the Erie Canal that opened via Buffalo in 1825 and for the steamships that crossed Lake Erie. That all-water route connecting New York City to Michigan saved us pioneers lots of time and money. No wonder one-third of Michigan folk are from New York!"

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We checked on the available land at the Detroit land office while we were there and bought some supplies and then took our ox team out the Grand River 'turnpike.' Actually it's just a trail worn deep by the Chicago stagecoaches. We spent a restless night at Hannibal Tavern in Farmington and then headed northwest with only the old Shiawassee Indian trail to guide us. There was no road, we just wandered through the openings, constantly cutting with the ax to clear a trail for the oxen. At night we camped. We kept the fire going to keep the wolves away. All our older children have been baptized back in New York, but Sarah will probably be baptized right in our own lake, as everyone is.

If it is winter, a rectangular place 20 or 30 feet long and half as wide is chopped in the ice where the water is of suitable depth, and steps are made for the convenience of getting in and out. One does not wait for warmer weather but is baptized immediately upon confession of faith. I never heard of any ill effects from the experience to either candidate or preacher."

[Writer's note: Baptisms were held in Dunham Lake all year around until 1880 when a baptistery was built at West Highland Baptist Church.]

"This year Highland was designated a township, the first meeting being at the schoolhouse. It was named Highland because it is believed to be the highest land in the settled part of Michigan. Nearby Highland Corners at the corner of the Pontiac-Howell Road and Hickory Ridge is a small hamlet now, but it will grow, I am sure. Who knows, in a few years, this territory might even become a state!"

Other Early Settlers

Justus and Sarah Andrus also owned a quarter-section on the lake. For many years the lake was known as Andrus Lake. Lakes were named for their shape or for the family owning the land beneath the water. Justus' father and brother were both Baptist ministers, and his family were members of Highland Baptist Church. Baptisms occurred at the Dunham and Andrus ends of the lake. The youngest son, Henry C., fought in the Civil War and married Amelia Ann Curdy, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Lockwood) Curdy.



Highland got it's name because it is believed to be the highest land in the settled part of Michigan.



Oel Chambers came from Monroe county via Detroit with his ox team. He reported that there were no roads, and that the surrounding country was a continuous stretch of black soil — the result of fires that had swept vegetation for years previous. His services as a carpenter were in special demand; he was summoned to a raising every day. He opened a general store in Hartland in the 1850's.

James and Tryphosa Ellis must have bought a very undesirable piece of land as they received a patented deed from the government as late as 1850.

Hubbard and Mary Bullard's land is really outside the area of our history but is included because their family (and that of John Williams') histories are so intertwined with the others. Hubbard accomplished his whole journey from New York with his four yoke of oxen. He stayed at the home of Eli Lee until his own was completed. Eli's was constantly the rendezvous of land-lookers because he settled in 1833. He was the Highland-Hartland border and on the Pontiac-Howell road (southwest corner). His floor was often covered at night with slumbering forms. Hubbard helped break the ground of neighboring settlers for years. He helped erect the first log school house in Hartland in

1836, located on what is now Dunham Road, one quarter mile west of Fenton Road. This school has been remodeled into a private home. Their daughter Martha later married young Adolphus Carey and their daughter Alice married as her second husband, the brother of Adolphus, Albert Carey. Another daughter, Sarah, married Henry L Tetmy, one of the sons of Rufus Tenny, who built the second saw mill on Ore Creek in Hartland in 1837. Ore Creek is fed by Dunham and Whalen Lakes. The millpond became known as Bullard Lake. The lumber came from the oaks and hickories of the early settlers' land.

John and Sarah Williams were the parents of Mary Bullard. John, born in 1780, lost a limb in the War of 1812. He died in 1837 as a tree hit him, probably while clearing his own land

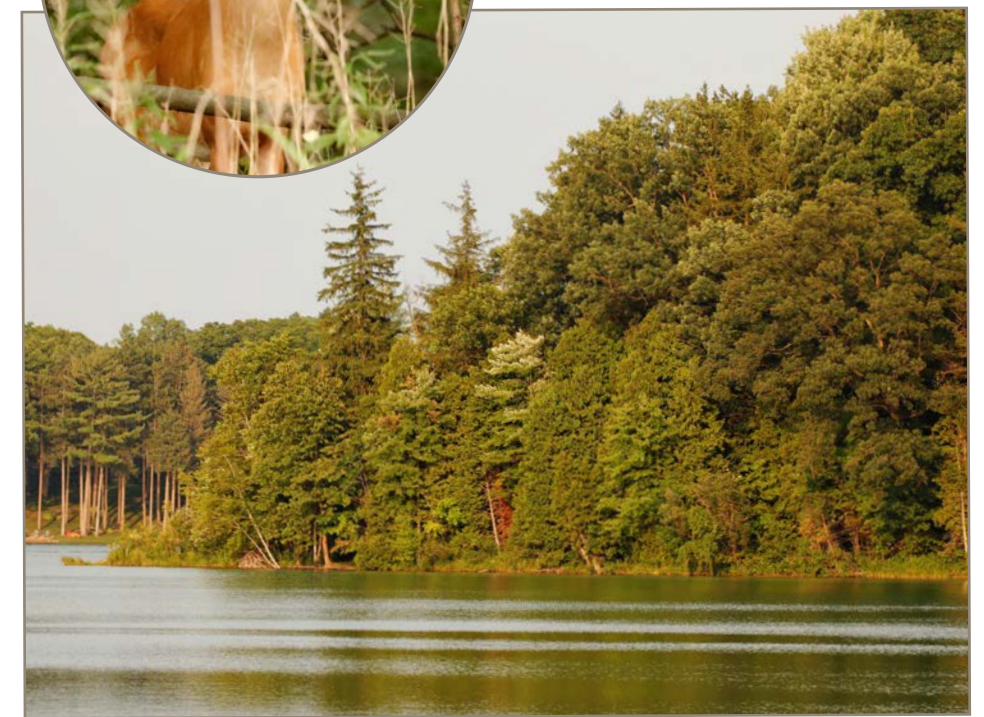


on Hyde Road. Their daughter Sarah was the first teacher at the new school house. Their only son John, married as his second wife, Harriet (Russell) Carey in 1850.

Adolphus and Harriet (Russell) Carey had two sons, Albert and Adolphus. When Adolphus died in 1848, Harriet married John C. Williams and the boys were raised with him. John C. Russel was probably the brother or father to Harriet.

Noah Cowles was a land speculator. He soon sold his parcel to Lovell Chambers, Oel's brother. Lovell also opened a general store in Hartland in the 1850's.

Dr. Josiah Clark was the second resident of Hartland to practice the healing art. Married to Sophia Perkins, he was elected township clerk at the Hartland organizational meeting in September of 1836. (Hartland was named after a township in New York.) Smallpox broke out in 1848 and he contracted the disease and died. His remains were passed through his window and placed on a land sled and buried at midnight somewhere in the Hartland cemetery. Even the sled was buried with him. 🍃



A Love Story

of Dunham Lake

By John and Carol Pettipher



Carol attended business school in Wisconsin, and later Oakland Community College and Wayne. She worked for Campbell-Ewald advertising in TV/radio, then the CEO of FTD, and later the Kelly Services marketing director. Her favorite job was teaching preschool in California. Son Jeff lives in Houston (BMW service advisor). Daughter Laura lives in Hartland (manager of a Plymouth 600-unit mobile home community). Favorite pets included Airedale Terriers (4) and cats (3 now).

John graduated from Michigan State (BA Economics) & Wayne State (MBA Finance & Marketing), taught economics at Oakland Community College three years, and then worked in commercial lending (Comerica). After 31 years with Ford, he retired from a Ford San Francisco financial services subsidiary (USL Capital) as a business unit president responsible for a \$4 billion leasing portfolio (100 commercial aircraft, trains, ships, power plants, etc.). Typical investments (\$25 million) were brokered by Wall Street investment bankers. John and Carol celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2016 and fifty friends had a surprise 50th Anniversary party for them at Kensington Metro Park, the location of their first date on Memorial Day, 1964.

Dunham Lake is Rich in Year-round Beauty

We love Dunham Lake and our community! The pristine, clean, and uniquely bright blue-green Dunham Lake water color, is a standout view from an aircraft making it very distinctive and different than a multitude of other Michigan great lakes. A neighbor from Novato California, was a United Airlines pilot and told us he knew Dunham Lake from his flying days into Detroit Metro Airport. He and other pilots would use Dunham Lake as a key visual reference point because of its unique blue-green distinct color from an aircraft in the sky.

Dunham Lake reminds us of several lakes we know well and lived around from California to Canada. Dunham Lake is like a mini-Lake Tahoe to us, without the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Oakland and Livingston County dividing line runs north-south in the middle of Dunham Lake, just like the California-Nevada state dividing line runs north-south through Lake Tahoe!

Sunset to Sunrise Across Two Countries

We purchased a half-acre isolated private beach-front lot on a 50-foot high bluff overlooking Lake Huron to the west from Canada in 1967. We built a cottage in 1971, and this was our "Canadian Sunset" with a spectacular view just south of Bayfield, Ontario for 41 years (1967-2008). Our Canadian vision and joy with Canadian neighbors and dear friends was a phenomenal gift to us and our two children. Our present Dunham Lake house is now our "Dunham Lake Sunrise" cottage, with our new friends and neighbors. John's grandfather lived at 8 Mill St. across the street from Warwick Castle in Warwick, England, and their present Dunham Lake stone-front house reminds John of his roots.

Dunham Lake is also a vivid reminder of beautiful Lake Esau, in Presque Isle, Michigan. A younger John spent five glorious summers at Camp Chickagami (owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan). John was a camper

for two years, a kitchen boy for a summer earning \$50, a camp counselor for 8-year old boys for another summer, and the camp's business manager and registrar for his last summer in 1960, before college. Our tree-lined Dunham Lake today is the same as Lake Esau was in the 1950's, when there were almost no cottages around the lake at that time. Lake Esau has numerous cottages and power boats today—where Dunham Lake has maintained a no power boats or houses around the shoreline to always keep it's peaceful tranquility. Beautiful clean water and a private Greenbelt forever—for perpetuity! Dunham Lake is the Best!

Dunham Hills Golf Club is a major asset and excellent neighbor in our community, with a very scenic golf course surrounded by only trees (houses are only visible on Hole #13). Their valuable trees are like our DLPOA valuable Greenbelt!

We have great gratitude and appreciation for the vision and wisdom of the original land owners and developers around Dunham Lake for creating and preserving such a beautiful and pristine lake for all of us, and for future-generations to come!

Everyone Makes a Difference

Our DLPOA Board, Civic Committee, and numerous residents—present and past—do phenomenal volunteer work. Big and small. Thanks to everyone!

We have tried to be helpful since we discovered our incredible Dunham Lake neighborhood 13 years ago, in 2005. It is better today, thanks to everyone—past and present. Many in our great community are sharing their time, talents, and money to make our neighborhood even better. We are receiving high-value benefits from board members and many others for their highly-skilled volunteer professional work—at no cost to residents! Thank you so much.

We recommended in the last couple of years some West Beach Park improvements that our Board approved and implemented

(e.g., removal of dead trees and purchasing and planting 30 arborvitae trees along the Parkway Place fence line, and around the porta-john, for privacy and beautification plus locking the entrance gates—which they suggested be locked at 10:00 p.m. each night). We thank the DLPOA Board and Civic Committee, and presidents Scott Oswald and Carol VanSpybrook, for their leadership, support, approval, and help. We are very happy to report there have been no issues of West Beach Park trespassing or late-night partying in 2018, and are delighted to also report all of the 30 new trees they helped pay for and water are doing great!

Getting Involved Helps Us All

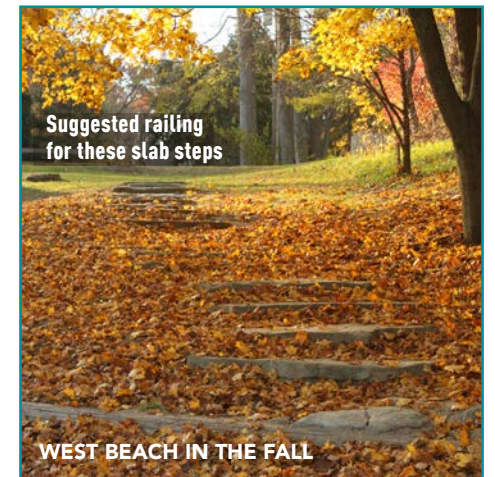
We will continue to make suggestions to our DLPOA Board, for increased safety and convenience for residents and guests. One suggestion would be for the installation of a much needed hand railing along the stone slab steps from the West Beach parking lot, down the steep hill to the lower-level Greenbelt and beach area. Other areas around Dunham Lake which presently have these useful hand railings are great for the safety of our residents.

We also plan to recommend to the Livingston County Road Commission some needed safety improvements for our neighborhood roads: (1) a lower speed limit of 30 mph, and a No Passing Zone, for 1.7 miles for Tipsico Lake Road from M-59/ Highland Road to the north Briarhill Road Stop Sign, and (2) adding two additional Stop Signs at the intersection of Murray Hill and Woodcock Way.

Another plan is to continue our effort started in 2016 with a presentation to Hartland Township for a single-source reliable and cost-effective trash and recycling company for Hartland, including Dunham Lake Hartland-side residents (like Dunham Lake Highland residents enjoy with their single-source Highland Township).



WEST BEACH IN THE SPRING



Suggested railing for these slab steps

WEST BEACH IN THE FALL

Purpose, Passion, Planning for Dunham Lake Pleasure and Perpetuity

John and Carol's purposes and passions are trying to respect the dignity and diversity of everyone, and share their individual and collective time, treasures, and gifts. Outreach volunteer work at their church, St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton, occupies a prominent part of the Pettipher's lives. The program with the most meaning to them is *Family Promise*, a nationwide program (www.familypromise.org), enabling families to remain together during



a period of homelessness. At home, they enjoy helping maintain and build the Eastern Bluebird population.

THE 2018 ANNUAL FISHING DERBY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



FIRST PLACE TROPHY went to **Elijah Mounsey** for a whopping 7.5 lb, 32.5-inch pike



FISHING ROD PRIZE FOR AGE 10 AND UNDER went to **Brendan Murray** for a 1.5 lb large mouth bass



FISHING ROD PRIZE FOR OVER AGE 10 went to **Ben Kar** for a 10 oz bluegill

Other fishing contestants were: Stefan Skendi, Gionny Hodgins, Evan Phillips, Caden Caldwell, Emma Applegate, Raya Arnett, Hayden Arnett and Owen Mason.

GREAT TIME, GREAT FRIENDS, GREAT DAY!

The weather was sunny and warm—a perfect morning to spend on the lake for the annual fishing derby. A huge crowd gathered when the 32.5-inch pike was brought in! And the fish study used this opportunity to collect scale specimens with all the fish caught by the successful anglers. Thanks to Ed Cesa for donating the awesome first place trophy. Every participant received a prize for their hard-earned efforts.



BIKE PARADE, KIDS EVENTS & PIG ROAST DAY LONG EVENT



↑ A special thanks to the Firefighters from the Hartland Fire Department for accompanying the bike parade.

CONCERT IN THE PARK WITH NORTHVILLE FOLK





WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018
Meeting called to order 7:34 pm

Members present: Scott Oswald, Ed Cesa, Tom Teeters, Kate Griswold, Kristina Oswald, Wes Watt, Jane Debbrecht and Carla Gorton.

Others present: Candi Good, Herbert Cole, Walt Jagner, Georgie Jagner, John Griswold, Gary Burke, Brandon Whitt and Heather Whitt.

President's Report: Scott Oswald –

- There have been a few complaints about the locked gates, but nothing major.

Vice President's Report: Fred Everhart –

The resident survey was mailed out. Some of them have already been returned. A summary of the final results will be presented to the board.

Secretary's Report: Carla Gorton –
Read minutes from last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jane Debbrecht –
Jane went over her 2018 Budget & Expenditures report. Some of the highlights were that \$2362.00 has been collected in past dues. Also, \$46,000 has been collected in 2018 dues so far.

Civic Committee Report:

The Civic Committee had a meeting.

- They are checking into the west trail (between posts 19 & 20), where a homeowner removed the log path that had been there for a long time. There is also some encroachment going on there with the greenbelt and the homeowner is going to be notified that it needs to stop and that Dunham will be constructing a new path to replace the one that was removed. Some concerns were expressed about where the new path will be built. At this point, that area of the west path is no longer usable, so residents are hoping for a prompt solution which will make it passable again.
- Different construction options are being looked at to come up with the best choice. The board approved up to \$8000 for the Civic Committee to purchase and install a metal & wood pathway between posts 19 & 20 with railings.

- The committee is also working on an updated fence policy for Dunham.

Security Report: The car hangtags are helping Nathan see who is a Dunham resident and who is not. It has been very busy at the lake so far this year. There were some overcrowding issues with parking on Memorial Day weekend down at the lake. If someone is parked inside with no hangtag on their vehicle, Nathan can ask them to leave.

Infrastructure Update:

- Scott will finalize the porta john agreement with John's Sanitation. Tom Teeters is watching the porta johns and dumpster, to see when they need to be serviced.
- Boats secured beyond the post will be tagged – Fred will handle contacting those residents.
- Jane will contact the person who has tipped boats in the past, to see if she would like to continue this year. Fred and Tom will also help check for boats with standing water.
- The sand at the beaches looks good, so it was decided not to add any more this summer.
- Perimeter Walk – The walk was on May 20th and went well. Thank you to those who joined board members and gave them their input. Various encroachments were noted and will be dealt with by the board.
- The bad grill at the park was fixed by Ed Cesa.

Activities Update:

- The sandwich sign inserts were made by Joe Colliton.
- Wes & Ed are going to ask their friends if they want to perform at Dunham for a concert night.
- Beach clean-up is going well so far.
- Still planning to do a craft night and a nature presentation.

Natural Resources:

- Need to do a treatment to get rid of the phragmites in the creek by the Fen soon. Megan will contact a company to take care of that.
- The black swallow wort also needs to be treated later this summer to keep it in check.
- No one volunteered to be on the Oak Wilt observation team, so that will be put to the side for now. The oak trees that have been already been identified on the greenbelt will be trenched as planned.
- Ed put more communications about the fish study on the board at the park.
- Scott will put information on the egroup about the study.

Communications:

- The summer Laker is in the final preparations. It was decided to put the corrected Dunham map in this issue.
- A no-smoking sign was requested to be put up at the park. No decisions at this time.
- Website Update: Gary has been working on the website and making changes as needed. He has some really good ideas that would make it more user-friendly and helpful to residents. He is hoping to have the new website completed by mid-July.

Old Business:

- Kristina is going to find pictures of the Fen to put on the sign that is going to be made.
- Scott checked and there is no sign available through the DNR warning against spread of invasive species on the bottom of boats used in other bodies of water.

New Business:

Concern was expressed about possibly losing keys, now that they are being carried more because of the locked gates. Kristina is going to look into purchasing some lanyards for residents to put the keys on to help with that issue.

Adjournment: 9:28 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 11 @ 7:30 pm at the park.

Minutes recorded by Carla Gorton.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018
Meeting called to order 7:35 pm

Members present: Fred Everhart, Tom Teeters, Wes Watt, Ed Cesa, Kate Griswold, Jane Debbrecht, Gary Burke, Scott Oswald and Kristina Oswald.

Others present: Candi Good, Tom Gorton and John Schiltz.

President's Report: Scott Oswald –

- 4th of July went well at the beaches and the park.
- The smoking issue seems to be better – Should we put a few more signs out?
- Fred will check on prices for cigarette butt containers and report back.

Vice President's Report: Fred Everhart –
Many of the surveys were sent back with constructive comments. He is hoping to get more back in the coming weeks.

Secretary's Report: Carla Gorton –
Read minutes from last meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jane Debbrecht –
• \$22,000 has been spent so far this year. We are doing well with keeping in line with the budget. Budget report approved.

• The funds for the pig roast were advanced.

Civic Committee Report: No report.

Security Report: Going well. Nathan has been watching the gates as cars come in to see if they have hangtags on their vehicles.

Infrastructure Update:
• We haven't received any bills yet this year for the porta johns. They have been servicing them once a week.

• Fred took some boats out of the water in the Fen area, He will contact those residents about the boat policy.

• TPC Mowing – Jane is having a billing issue with TPC over incorrect bills. Until they call her back and resolve the problem, she is not making any more payments.

- Wes rototilled the East Beach and the park. Need to dig up some grass at the East Beach which has spread to the sand.
- Waste Management has not been picking up the garbage at the West Beach. Jane will call them to see what is going on.

Activities Update:

- Summer Event – Wes is going to try to schedule a band for August. The board approved \$300 to be used towards that event.
- Everything has been going well with beach clean-up this year.

Natural Resources:

- Still need to treat the phragmites in the creek outlet by the Fen. A wipe is used instead of a spray to make sure that it treats the bad plants only and it is also more water friendly. Kate is going to call NCS to schedule a treatment.
- In addition, she will have them quote 3-4 areas of black swallow wort. NCS also needs to finish the oak trenching.
- Fish Study – The pig roast will be a good time to get more input for the fish study. Need to encourage the participants of the Fishing Derby to give specimens.

Communications:

- The Summer Laker has been delayed at the printer, but it should be done soon.
- Gary Burke – Pam gave him some great pictures to put on the website for the homepage. He has been working on the structure and it is coming along well. He still needs a welcome message.

Old Business:

- Kate will order some lanyards with a key ring and safety release to give out to residents.

Adjournment: 9:34 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 8 @ 7:30 pm at the park.

Minutes recorded by Carla Gorton.



THE INVASIVE BLACK SWALLOW WORT PLANT



Scott Oswald, Board President, taking time to clear a fallen tree off the path.

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018 Meeting called to order 7:45 pm

Members present: Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Kate Griswold, Jane Debbrecht, Carla Gorton and Fred Everhart.

President's Report: Scott Oswald – He is going to find the role's list for all the board positions, so we can better allocate the various tasks that need to be done.

Vice President's Report: Fred Everhart – They are still getting surveys back. They picked the prize winner and gave them the prize. The survey group will get together on 8/15/18, tally the results and then present them to the board.

Secretary's Report: Carla Gorton – Members looked over the July minutes. They were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jane Debbrecht – Jane went over the Treasurer's report and then the board approved it.

Civic Committee Report: No report.

Infrastructure Update:

- The board approved buying 4 cigarette butt receptacles for the beaches and the park. Fred will purchase them.
- Still getting quotes and figuring out the best way to replace the West side path bridge.

- Tom Teeters needs to get the dumpster emptied soon.
- Jane still hasn't heard back from TPC, but they are still doing the mowing.
- Wes Watt has been working on the beaches, getting rid of grass and making them nicer for residents to enjoy. Need to buy more sand for the beaches.
- Jane Debbrecht is going to contact Ben Carr to see if he wants to work tipping boats.
- The gate mechanisms are holding up well.
- The volleyball posts are rotting. We need to put in new ones. That would be a good task for the Fall Workbee.

Activities Update:

- There were 12 participants in the Fishing Derby. The winners enjoyed their prizes, especially the trophy.
- The pig roast was a big success. The turnout was a little lighter than last year.
- There is a concert scheduled to play at the park on Tuesday, 8/14/18. All Dunham residents and guests are welcome. All donations received will go to the Wounded Warrior Project.

- Kristina is going to call Howell Nature Center and schedule a date for them to come out and do a presentation.

Natural Resources:

- The phragmites by the creek are going to be treated this week. The Black Swallowwort by the creek and around the lagoon is also getting treated.
- There also seems to be quite a bit of poison ivy this year along the trail and other areas and it is spreading. We did receive one complaint concerning the spraying to control the poison ivy.

- Ed will initiate the next stage for the Fish Study.

- Kate is going to contact the person who tagged the oak trees with possible oak wilt disease and have him trench around the suspect trees as previously discussed.

Communications:

- The board is still trying to decide whether a Facebook page would be beneficial for better communication among Dunham residents.
- Or maybe we should go with a Google based communication system?
- Kate also offered a new proprietary communication system.

Old Business:

Kate is going to take pictures of the Fen, so they can be put on a sign placed in that location.

New Business:

- The annual meeting is going to be on Tuesday, October 16th.
- The Fall Workbee is scheduled for Saturday, October 27.

Adjournment: 9:13 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 12, at the home of Jane Debbrecht at 7:30 pm. Her address is 13960 Plover Road.

Minutes recorded by Carla Gorton.

↓ Beautiful Owls from the Howell Nature Center presentation: Screech Owl, Barn Owl, Barred Owl and the Great Horned Owl.



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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

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There has been an increasing number of listings with price reductions. In April, 27% of Southeast Michigan active listings had at least one price reduction. By August 1st, 35% had reductions. Is this a sign that the market is shifting?

Comparing last year to this year, we see the same pattern with the frequency of price reductions rising through the summer. The rising numbers are primarily seasonal. As summer progresses, sellers try harder (with price reductions) to land buyers who are looking to be settled before the start of the new school year.

When comparing July closed sales from this year with sales from the previous three years, the Southeast Michigan markets continue to flourish. The number of closed sales was higher than last year and only down 22 from 2016.

Closed volume was higher than any other year and the percentage of listings that required price reductions was tied with last year for the lowest. When comparing price reduction levels between active and closed listings, the closed listings were level around 25% across all price ranges, with active listings, however, there were more reductions in the middle price ranges and fewest among the high-end homes.

Declining affordability real estate values have been appreciating faster than incomes for the past 7 years. Interest rates are roughly one point higher than they were a year ago. While a 1% shift in interest rate doesn't sound like much, on a \$100k home it increases the payment \$58/month. That's just the interest.

The average sale price also rose 6% over the past year. Combining the interest with price appreciation, a home that cost \$100k last year will now cost \$106k and will be financed at roughly 4.5% instead of 3.5%. Instead of paying \$449/month (principal and interest) for that \$100k house last year, this year's payments will be \$537—\$88 (or 20%) higher.

Regardless of price range, by combining the rise in interest plus a 6% increase in average price, the monthly payment of the same home this year will be about 20% more than what it would have been last year. Buyers who have been struggling over the past few years to find quality homes are now faced with eroding affordability.

Looking ahead with affordability—it is expected to continue to decline, both buyers and sellers who are thinking of moving should act sooner rather than waiting. Historically, interest rates in the mid 4% range are still amazingly low. It would be a mistake to assume they will remain this low.

If you are thinking of moving or know of anyone that is in need of my assistance, please feel free to contact me.



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IMPORTANT DATES: Mark your Calendars!

DLPOA Annual Meeting

October 16, 2018

Fall Workbee

October 27, 2018

Halloween Haunted Trail

Watch for the date & time to be announced on the DLPOA E-GROUP site

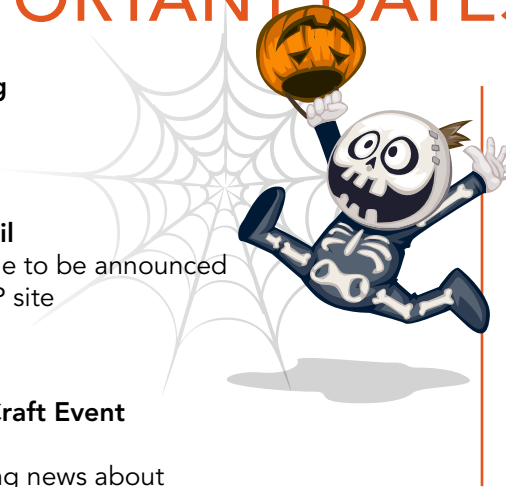
Boats Out!

December 1, 2018

Dunham Lake All-Day Craft Event

January 12, 2019

Watch for more upcoming news about this fun event on the E-GROUP site



DLPOA Board Meetings

DLPOA Board Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Summer (June, July, August) meetings are held in the Main park, weather permitting. Other meetings are held at DLPOA Board member homes.

The DLPOA Annual Meeting will be held at the Dunham Hills Golf Course conference room on October 16, 2018.

Doors open at 7:00 for people to sign in. Meeting starts at 7:30.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!