



The Dunham Laker

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WE ARE SO LUCKY HERE!

BY FRED EVERHART



We have the most beautiful lake and surrounding area to enjoy being outside during these challenging times.

Let's All Keep a Positive Spirit

First and most important, I hope that everyone is faring well in this uncertain world we live in. It is so heartwarming to see people helping

and reaching out to each other here in our own neighborhood. We really don't know how much things will change for us as the time passes, but I hope to see everyone this summer at the lake enjoying their kayaks, canoes, paddle boats and paddle boards! We have each other—even if, it's at a distance!

You may have noticed there is a new Board President in town! Yes, I am now the new President of our association and Scott will become the Vice President. This is good news for me, since Scott is invaluable as a resource and good for him to have more family time.

Usually the winter is a slower time for the board members of the Dunham Lake Property Owners Association, but the "Board" has stayed busy this winter! Here are some of the projects that have been tackled recently:

- Draining the water off the Fen and flowing properly under Plover near the east beach entrance, is much improved, but the culvert under the road needs replacing. I'd like to thank Ed Cesa and Mark Tyler for all their hard work. Mark Tyler took ownership of getting the obstacles removed from the existing drain and Ed Cesa diligently has been contacting the Oakland County department heads, meeting with them and talking with adjacent home owners. Ed has many many hours of his time into this project, but it still requires someone from Oakland County to replace the drain.

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In The Know

Important 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

Park Addresses:

1010 Murray Hill, Highland
(Main Park)

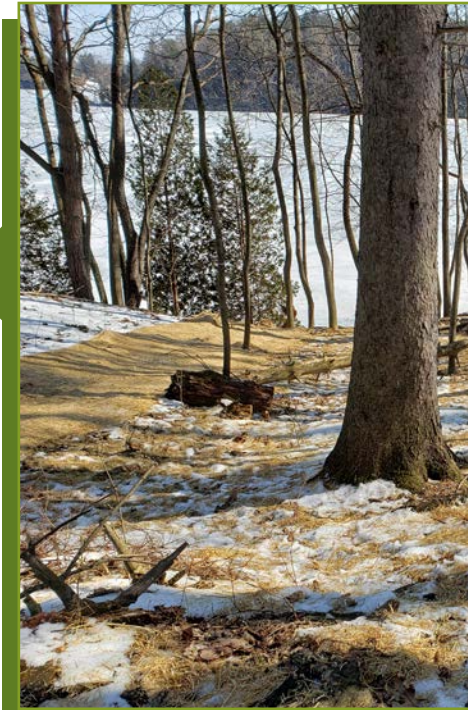
2850 Parkway Place, Hartland
(West Beach)

1161 Plover, Highland
(East Beach)

IMPORTANT DLPOA NEWS—See page 5 inside!!!!!!



- Planting has been completed on a 2-acre area along the west side of the lake this should begin showing growth soon and decrease erosion on the hillside. Future plantings will follow. These plantings will hopefully help eliminate unwanted run-off from reaching the lake.
- Our Communications Committee has been hard at work getting our website up and running and getting a new neighborhood communication tool in place within Google Groups. Our existing list-serv will no longer be supported by Yahoo and the Communications Committee of Jenny Vanderlist, John and Kate Griswold and Gary Burke, have done their research to find a new way to communicate with everyone. Look for the new sign-up instructions on page 5 of this newsletter. Please join us as we transition to this new exciting platform.



How the area looked after planting—watch the transformation as the growing season starts!



DUNHAM LAKE WATER QUALITY UPDATE

I'd like to thank Dr. David Jude for continuing to work with our Board on preparing analysis and recommendations of the data collected this past summer and fall 2019 following the 2018 water quality and fish study report. As many of you know those lake water quality study results were concerning. The 2018 data was corroborated and we continue to see a decline in the overall health of the lake from a nutrient perspective. Do not get me wrong, we are still fortunate enough to call Dunham Lake a mesotrophic, pristine lake blessed with a population of lake herring. HOWEVER, we must be aware that unless we take action this decline will continue. As the lake becomes more Eutrophic (nutrient rich), algal blooms will be more prevalent, the water color will darken and clarity diminish, and bio-diversity will decrease. Dr. Jude will report the summer 2019 findings and recommendations this spring 2020; this information will be made available

via the Dunham Lake website. We MUST reduce the nutrient input to the lake. The nutrients referred to here are Nitrogen and Phosphorous. A few things are happening here that we can make a substantial impact upon to slow, maintain or even reverse the status of the lake.

Septic systems

If sewers ever become available we should consider connection. Septic systems are believed to be substantial sources of nutrients to the groundwater system and they must be kept well maintained.

Surface water runoff and infiltration

Reduce applied fertilization, increase greenbelt filtration, improve retention of runoff, and improve groundcover/ reduce erosion.

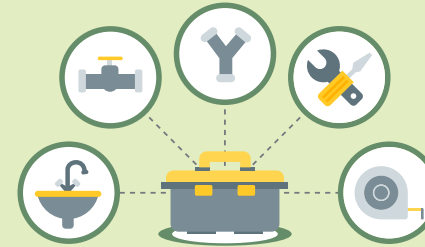
Reduce the internal loading reactions taking place at the lake bottom

Anaerobic (lacking oxygen) reactions turn organic materials at the lake bottom into the very nutrients we are trying to eliminate. This takes aeration or chemical treatment to stop.

Due to the COVID-19 virus mandated precautions, we are canceling our Spring Work Bee until a later date yet to be determined, and we will not be having in-person monthly DLPOA Board meetings until we get the all clear. We will address essential things that need to be accomplished on the Greenbelt and will have virtual meetings, but non-essential projects will be evaluated individually. There are always daily issues and concerns and we will continue to address them. I have the belief life will get back to normal and we will proceed with our projects and fun summer activities. Keeping the faith!

— Fred Everhart, Board President

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So what can we all do to help?

Great question indeed! The most substantial impact we can have as neighbors is to understand and control or eliminate how much fertilizer is applied to our property. We will be reaching out to the Dunham Hills Golf Course with this information and showing how they can be good stewards of this Dunham lake watershed. As residents in our own yards, BEFORE applying any fertilizer, have your soils tested, particularly for nitrogen and phosphorous. Many times more is applied than is needed and can be taken up by crops and plants. This could save you \$\$ by not paying for applications you do not need as well as saving your lake! Most lawn services will provide testing upon request. Check out <http://www.landscape.org/healthylawn>. MSU soil sampling service can be reached at 517-355-1855 and kits cost \$25. The Board is also taking steps to re-establish groundcover on the west side of the lakeshore greenbelt since the Norway maple canopy has been opened. This is an ongoing process and will continue over many years. We are also working to improve bio-filtration at the storm runoff points.

With your commitment, we CAN make a difference. Talk to your neighbors, our neighbors on Addaleen, and our community about what it means to keep this lake pristine, clean and healthy. Challenge them to act, get their soil tested and talk to the lawn companies you see in the area before they apply their treatments to help work with us to keep our lake stay beautiful. Let's be good stewards of our lake.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Happy Spring Everyone! I wish I could give you a whole list of events that I have planned for this summer, but unfortunately we are at a stand still. We will have some of the same activities as last year on our schedule and a concert is tentatively booked for one of the last weekends in August. I hope we can enjoy a great summer at the lake even with our current state of affairs. Stay healthy and well. I look forward to seeing all of you down at the lake this summer.

— Kristina Oswald, Activities Committee



Tentatively still happening at this time. We will keep everyone informed through the website with updates!

NEIGHBORHOOD PIG ROAST

Saturday, August 1st

Kids games in the morning, Annual Fishing Derby, and a picnic in the afternoon. Come and join in all the fun!

Volunteers will be needed to help out with all the festivities.

BABYSITTING

Emma Brian	Age 17	248-330-0128
Ella Gardner	Age 16	248-981-4820
Abby Gardner	Age 15	248-981-4820
Daeya Hermanson	Age 17	248-798-9825
Ashleigh McFall	Age 18	248-860-3169
Grayce Nist	Age 18	810-210-6303
Katy Nist	Age 16	810-210-6303
Sam Ralston	Age 14	248-459-6582
Cora Mason	Age 13	248-890-0760
Emily Zinter	Age 18	248-977-8476

PET SITTING

Emma Brian	Age 17	248-330-0128
Nick Haley	Age 16	248-904-9833
Ashleigh McFall	Age 18	248-860-3169
Grayce Nist	Age 18	810-210-6303
Katy Nist	Age 16	810-210-6303

HOUSE SITTING/PET SITTING

Hannah Brian	Age 20	248-330-0128
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YARDWORK

Sam Ralston	Age 15	248-459-6582
Ella Gardner	Age 16	248-981-4820
Abby Gardner	Age 15	248-981-4820

LAWN CARE/SNOW SERVICE

Garrison York	Age 18	248-807-1704
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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

SPRING FLOWERING AROUND DUNHAM LAKE

There are over 52 species of protected Michigan native wildflowers around Dunham Lake. PLEASE DO NOT PICK OR DISTURB THEM! Here are some of the ones that come up during the spring.

First to arrive, is the Eastern Skunk Cabbage which starts to erupt and flower in February. Its ability to generate temperatures up to 63°F, allows it to melt its way through the frozen ground. The flowers are characterized by a modeled maroon hood-like leaf, very close to the ground. A good place to view them is in the Fen, by the main park.

In April, the bright yellow Marsh Marigolds pop up along the lake's edge soon to be joined by the delicate Round-lobed Hepatica and Bloodroot in the woods on the upper trails.

In May, there will be a "burst" of wildflowers in beautiful colors. Three of the more common ones are: Wild Geraniums, Trilliums and Mayapples. Wild Geraniums love the woods and their delicate lavender flowers rise above its many lobed leaves. Trillium has a single three- petal white flower and they love to grow in moist woodland areas. Mayapples are seen everywhere and with their large leaves form an impressive carpet!

For those who would like further information on these and more, plus how to grow them in your own yard, visit these 2 sites:

Wildtype Native Nursery:
<https://www.wildtypeplants.com>

Michigan Wildflower Farm:
<https://www.michiganwildflowerfarm.com>

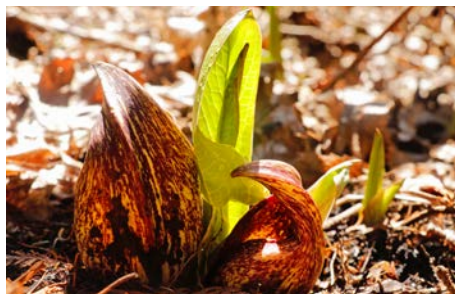
KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS...

To the new families who have moved into the neighborhood recently — **WELCOME!**

- Donald MacDonald on Murray Hill
- Jennifer Lopez on Parkway
- Ryan & Susan Quick on Blue Heron

We hope to see you down at the lake this season. Please be sure to check out our neighborhood website at dunhamlake.com for additional information and resources. You will find links to the association bylaws, park and lake policies, property covenants, pictures, a site map, articles on the neighborhood history, ongoing park maintenance and greenbelt activity, as well as the association contact information. Be sure to check out past issues of the Dunham Laker in color on the website too.



IMPORTANT UPDATES YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Boat Tag Update: You may notice we have new looking boat tags. When re-ordering new tags, we updated the look, but you do not need to replace what you already have.

Dues Related Update:

1. Last year we transitioned to a physical mailing address instead of using a P.O. Box. If you are using a direct pay program to pay your association dues, please remember to change our mailing address from P.O. Box 304 Highland, MI 48357 to 1010 Murray Hill, Highland, MI 48357.
2. If you are refinancing your home, the Title or Mortgage Company will most likely require a letter from the DLPOA regarding whether or not your dues are paid, what our billing cycle is and where payments are made to etc. Please contact me at cindaeverhart@yahoo.com if you need such a letter. It can easily be mailed directly to you or the requesting entity.

Gate Key Update: No new keys required. Continue using what has already been issued.



Top left: Eastern Skunk Cabbage, Middle left: Marsh Marigolds, Bottom left: Wild Geraniums
 Top right: Trillium, Bottom right: Mayapples

DUNHAM LAKE'S NEW COMMUNICATION TOOLS!



We have a new DLPOA Communication and Engagement Tool and we invite you all to join in the conversation!

As many of you are aware, we previously utilized Yahoo Groups to communicate and engage with our Dunham Lake Property Owners. Recently Yahoo discontinued this tool and we were forced to consider another alternative. After researching our options, we have decided to use Google Groups as our new communication and engagement tool to better serve our property owners with the latest announcements and for us all to communicate with each other in real-time.

Google Groups

COME FIND AND JOIN OUR NEW GOOGLE GROUP

Please come and join the **Announcement** and **Community Google Groups** to have discussions about a topic or to communicate with the neighborhood, as well as get important messages from the Board.

The **Announcement Group** is only for the DLPOA Board to communicate announcements, and you will not be able to respond to this group, as they are read-only messages.

The **Community Group** is for posting communications to the DLPOA Property Owners in discussions and general information sharing. You will be able to respond to these messages, **NOTE:** Make sure to choose "reply all".

Our groups will require you to request membership. After you've asked to joined the group, you will get a confirmation email once your request is approved, then you can participate in the groups.

Both **Announcement** and **Community Group** communications will come to your email inbox.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

If you have a Google account you can self-register. Go to groups.google.com.

- Search for DLPOA-announcements OR DLPOA-community
- Click on DLPOA-Announcements OR DLPOA-Community
- Then click "Apply for membership"
- In the text box please include your name, home address or lot number, email address and phone number

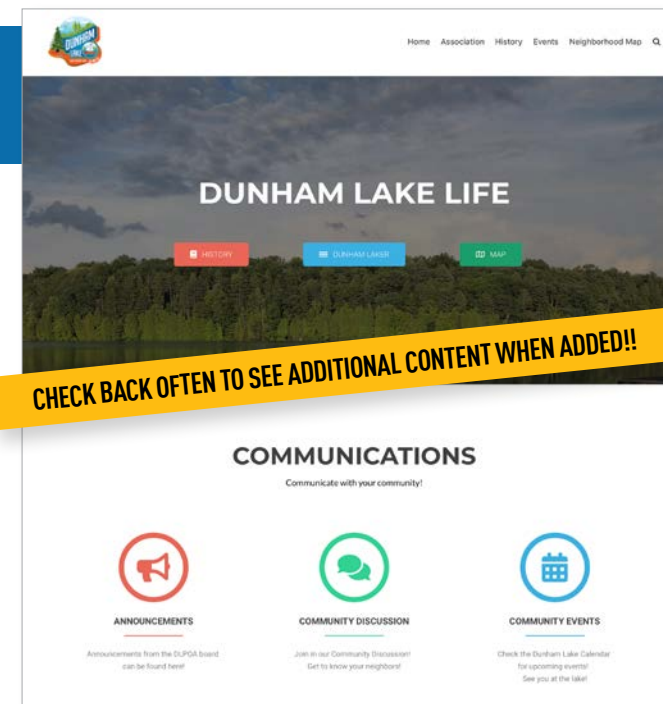
If you do not have a Google account and prefer not to create one, please email us your preferred email address at dunhamlake.com@gmail.com. Please include in the subject line, **Request to Join**. And in the email, please include your name, home address or lot number, email address and phone number.

THAT'S IT!

Once we receive your request, you will receive an email telling you that you have been added to the DLPOA-Announcements and another for the DLPOA-Community groups.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please email dunhamlake.com@gmail.com if you have questions or need additional assistance with this process.



And here is the latest and greatest website for Dunham Lake!

We now have an easy-to-navigate website full of wonderful up-to-date information for our community.

Inside you will find links to the **Map** of the area and more recent **Dunham Laker** newsletters—all in full-color to enjoy and refer back to when needed.

The site will hold more of the **History** of Dunham Lake with lots of additional photos and information.

There is an area for **Announcements** from the Board to give real-time notice of information important to all of us.

The **Community Discussion** will link to the Google Groups for ease of navigation.

And another great feature will be the continuously updated **Community Events** calendar to keep you all in the loop.

Check back often to hear about all the upcoming events!

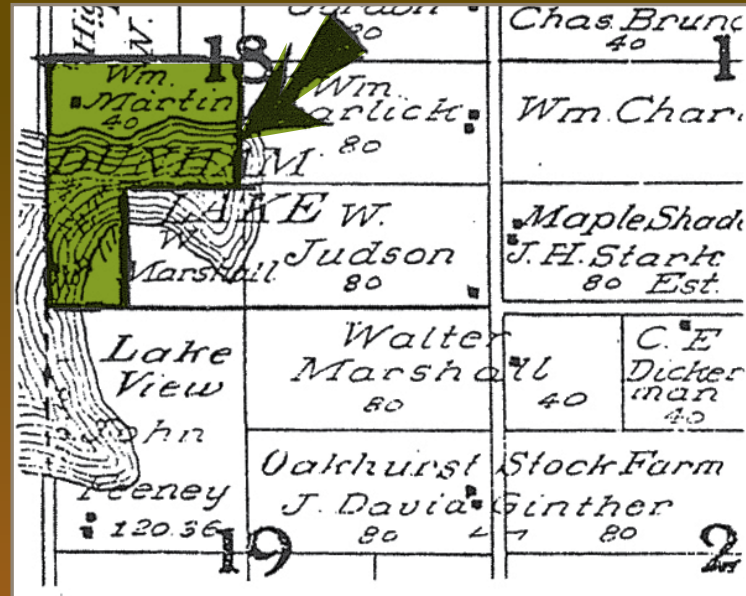
The History of Dunham Lake

PART FIVE: THE NORTH END – By Carolyn Richards

THE MARTIN'S NORTH END LAND PURCHASE IN 1866

The land at the north end of Dunham Lake was never acquired by Henry Wallace, so therefore, this property did not become part of the subdivision.

In 1866, the Martin's purchased ¾ of a quarter section at the north end. Part of this land extended across the lake into the area that is now Blue Heron. In 1910, Josiah and Adeline Hair bought this farm and built the stone house on the hill that is visible from the lake. They grew fruit trees and berries. The Hairs had come from Chicago. Adeline was a Ross. Her family lived on the west side of the present G.M. Proving Grounds, and so it was natural that she returned to live in Highland.



An Inventor Lived at our Lake!

Josiah had a background in chemistry. In Chicago he had started many companies and had over 30 patents in his name. A fire extinguisher was the last in a line of patents and became a retirement occupation for him. In the 20's and 30's Josiah, Adeline, and their son Burchard set up shop in the red barn (still standing on Briar Hill today) and manufactured the extinguishers that Josiah had invented.

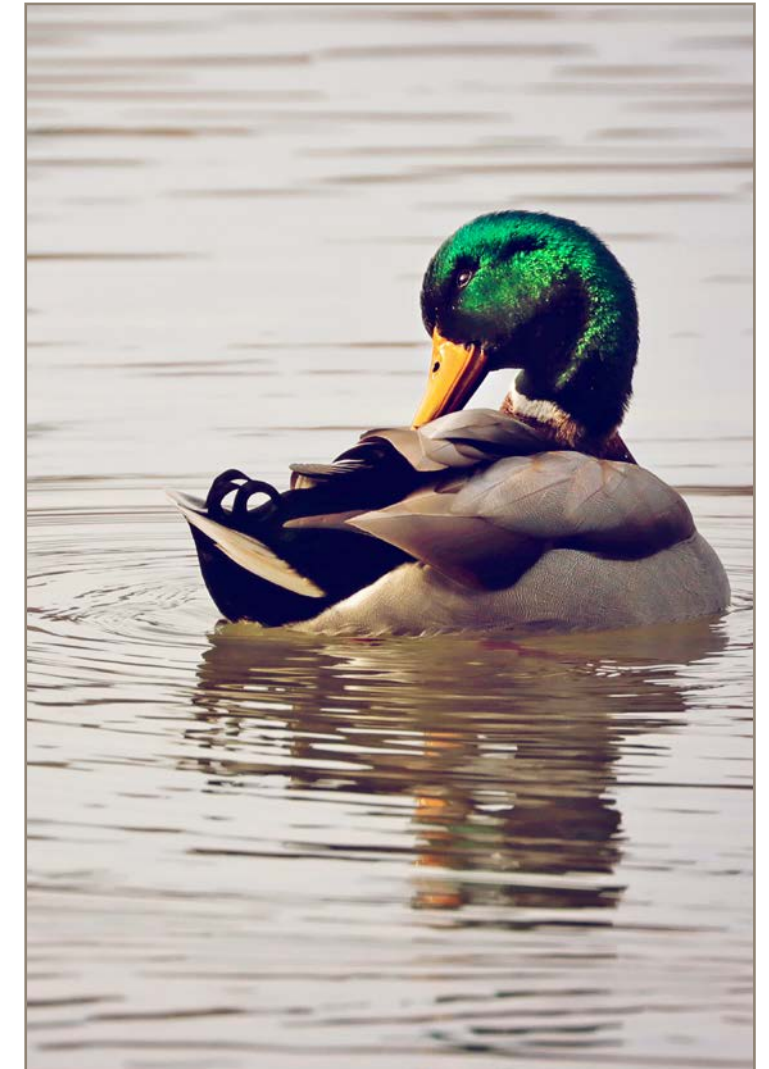
The cans for the little Liberty Fire Extinguishers were made by the American Can Company. They were of tin, painted red, about 36" long and 2" in diameter. They sold for \$3 retail and \$1.50 in contract. In the barn they filled the cans with sodium bicarbonate in granular form so it would flow and added some magnesium carbonate to prevent caking. The extinguishers were hung on a nail, and to put the fire out the lid was removed and the granules swished over the fire.

Since the extinguishers were effective in protecting property, the Hairs had a contract with several area insurance companies. The firms gave the extinguishers to their customers as a bonus. The Hairs mailed the extinguishers directly to the policy holders. The chemicals for them came in drums via the Pierre Marquette Railroad to the Highland Station. Burchard would pick them up in his Model T truck. Ulysses Sidney Beach was their mailman, and his horse-drawn cab, and later his car, would be filled with the Hair's fire extinguishers and sent by parcel post.

Selling Land Back to Henry

In 1915 and 1917 the Hairs sold the south portion of their land to Wallace's Lakeview Farms Company. Those lake lots ultimately became part of our subdivision.

Josiah died about 1925 and was buried in Chicago, but Burchard continued to manufacture the extinguishers until the start of WW II when the American Can Company discontinued the pattern for making the cans and went into defense work.



In a letter to the author of this history, Lee Weaver, who lived for years in Highland, remembers planting trees for Burchard Hair from the road up to the big house during the Depression in the summer of '31 or '32. Burchard got the trees at a nursery 1/2 mile west of Dunham Lake — probably Henry Wallace's nursery, by the present golf course. The C.C.C.'s (Civilian Conservation Corps) were not used to plant trees. There were 7 or 8 young men who worked. You couldn't buy a job then, and Mark Holland furnished the truck. His truck tipped over twice going around a hillside while they were watering trees. Water was carried from the lake in an oblong tank on a flat bed of a truck. The tank was chained down, but when the water began to slosh to the

downhill side, over it went! There were many wild geese and wild ducks in the bird sanctuary on the south end. There was one less after they caught one on the way home one night!

At 45 years of age, Burchard married Katherine Potts. and he later married Marguerite Leonard and they had a son. In 1951, they sold the farm because Burchard's health was poor and they moved to Howell. The property was sold to Dr. Naylor, a Detroit dentist. Naylor lived in the stone house with his first wife. He and second wife lived in the red barn after he had made it barrier free due to his Parkinson's Disease. In 1972 Naylor's widow sold land to Ann Brody and she is presently subdividing it.

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The Belknap Place

Frank and Della Belknap bought the farm at the northwest corner of the lake in 1904. In the present subdivision, their name stood where Briarhill curves sharply, just opposite the north gate the subdivision. Max Werner owns the home that stand there now and if you walk past you can see the base for the stone fireplace of the old Belknap house at the side of the Werner home.

In the early 1900's, Frank Belknap's family would go to town via horse and buggy. In the winter they used their team to pull the bob sleigh or cutter. The cutter held two people and the runners were close to the ground and stationary — it tipped easily. The bob sleigh had movable runners so that it turned like a wagon and was more stable. Frank must have loved horses, because in 1916 he sold the farm to Benjamin Belknap and opened a ten-cent barn in Milford located near the present Milford Presbyterian Church. There, folks could unhitch their horse and stable it, for ten cents — extra if the horse was fed. A spectacular fire destroyed his barn in 1929. According to the Milford history book "Ten Minutes Ahead of the Rest of the World", the firemen got "considerable notoriety for their unfireman like appearance. Some of them were playing in a local talent production called "Womanless Wedding" when the alarm came in and they didn't stop to take off their dresses..." a story that has come down through history as one of Milford's traditional funny tales."

In 1922 Henry Wallace's International Migratory Bird Preserve purchased the Belknap farm. Frank Fordyce, the superintendent, lived there awhile. In 1950, when the H. M. Wallace estate was sold, the house had six rooms, with a poultry house, tool shed, deep well and electric pump, and double corn crib of framing and wire construction.



Overhead view of Belknap's Place



MORE TO THE STORY OF HENRY MILTON WALLACE

As his history was discussed in earlier newsletters, Henry Milton Wallace (H.M.) created and maintained the International Migratory Bird Preserve on Dunham Lake in the 20's and 30's. But that was only one of his many interests and accomplishments.

Henry the Gold Miner

After H.M. graduated from University of Michigan Law School in 1897, he and some members of the law faculty formed a corporation to stake a claim on a gold mine in Alaska. According to his nephew, H.M. went to San Francisco and British Columbia and then to Nome, Alaska where he spent a number of months. When he arrived in Nome, his boat was kept offshore by a storm. Being anxious to get ashore and stake a claim before everyone else did, he hired one of

the Eskimos who were paddling near the ship to take him ashore by kayak. Near shore, the Eskimo timed the waves and said, "Jump out and run!" H.M. did, but a wave came along and caught the kayak and the Eskimo was never seen again. H.M. got supplies and staked a claim for his corporation and set up mining work. Two years later he and his partners sold it. Later it became one of the richest claims in Alaska.

Henry's Continued Forthought Had an Impact for Michigan

Upon his return to Michigan in 1901, he practiced law from Grand Rapids to Detroit, specializing in corporate law. He was a genius at thinking up new ways of doing things. He formed and headed many gas and oil corporations. One of them, the

Waxahchie Gas Co., still exists in Texas. When his mother died in 1907, he moved to Detroit where he practiced law at the Union Trust Building and lived in the Book Towers Building and the Plaza Hotel.

He was National Committee Chairman in Michigan for the Republican Progressive Party (the Bull Moose party) during Theodore Roosevelt's campaign in 1912. But when Roosevelt lost to Wilson and withdrew from the party to form the Progressive Party, H.M. became disgusted with him and worked very hard to get Wilson elected in 1916. It was during his second term that Wilson restocked our lake with fish in appreciation of H.M.'s help. H.M. retired from law in Detroit in 1929, moved to Ann Arbor and lived in the Michigan Union. There he worked very hard to develop a memorial garden called Arborcrest, which exists today. It is located on Glacier Way between Huron Parkway and the V.A. hospital in Ann Arbor.



Dedicated in 1930, his memorial garden was an exceptionally lovely one, developed with forethought and intelligence. He chose land high and rolling with a substrata of sand and gravel. Rare trees, shrubs and flowers were planted by some of the same machinery and workers used here at our lake. It was one of the few cemeteries in the nation legally set up with perpetual care before it was required by law. H.W. was an officer and director of Arborcrest. Over the years, over 100 of the 160 acres were

purchased by the University of Michigan and became North Campus. Many of the trees H.M. had planted for Arborcrest are now enjoyed by the North Campus residents.

Fortunately for us, Henry Milton Wallace (H.M.) grew up on his family's Dunham Road farm with a love of learning and a love of birds. It was his love of learning that enabled him to become a lawyer and to afford to buy the land around his childhood home. It was his love of birds that led him to his friendship with Jack Miner and to the idea of creating the bird and wildlife preserve from the land that he had begun to accumulate. In the 20's and 30's, while the land around other area lakes was being divided into little lots with cottages, Dunham Lake's shoreline was planted with beautiful trees and developed as the International Migratory Bird Preserve (I.M.B.P.). Dunham Lake's northwoods shoreline is H.M.'s living legacy.

That legacy was preserved by Murray Van Waggoner who, with others, was to buy the I.M.B.P. after H.M.'s death. Those two personalities in Dunham Lake's unique history had interesting political paths that crossed in 1933.

In that year, H.M. Wallace was appointed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, then the Democratic president, to succeed Van Waggoner as a member of the Michigan Advisory Committee on Federal Public Works Administration. The PWA was created by Roosevelt during those Depression years to create jobs funding worthy projects to employ people. F.D.R. and H.M. were friends, and H.M. had helped bring state leaders into Roosevelt's camp during his presidential campaign the year before. Van Waggoner, then state highway commissioner, resigned from the Advisory Committee due to criticism from Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior and PWA administrator. Ickes felt Van Waggoner was making decisions too slowly, and so he suggested H.M., an old friend, as his replacement. H.M.'s office was in Detroit's Fisher Building. Over a



two year period the committee investigated many different PWA project proposals. Some ideas were rejected, some approved and sent on to Washington for consideration. One of the big plans that the committee rejected certainly affected Detroit's future: the building of a subway in Detroit. They did approve drilling of many oil and gas wells in central Michigan. H.M. also had a principle part in the building of the Treasure Island causeway which connects St. Petersburg, Florida to Treasure Island, just offshore. William H. Hill, who owned Treasure Island, was a patent medicine king, his fortune made from Hill's Cascara Bromo Quinine. H.M. and Hill had been friends for years. Hill bought H.M. the only car he ever owned. H.M. became trustee of Hill's estate.

From 1936, Henry Wallace spent his winters in St. Petersburg and practiced law there, living in the Mayflower Apartments, which were owned by the Hill estate. In 1937 H.M. turned Treasure Island into a city, even though there were only four people living on it, and he became its first mayor. To increase the value of that real estate, H. M. asked President Franklin Roosevelt to send investigators to examine the site for the building of a causeway. Harold Ickes encouraged the investigators to approve the causeway, which was opened to traffic in 1939. On December 28, 1949, at the age of 77, Henry Milton Wallace died in St. Petersburg and was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Milford.



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11, 2019
Meeting called to order 7:45 pm

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

President's Report: Scott Oswald –

- Scott is preparing the annual meeting notice to send out to residents.
- He is also going to put a note together about lake quality for the Fall copy of the Laker that is going out soon.
- In response to the recent accident on Tipsico Road, we need residents to call the sheriff's department and the county road commission to raise awareness and bring changes.
- We should be getting a refund from sending an extra expedite fee to rush the Michigan study for the new proposed boardwalk. They were unable to rush it, so the fee will be refunded.

Vice President's Report: Fred Everhart – TPC added sand at the East and West Beaches. They also deep raked a bunch of weeds at the beaches that were growing onto the sand.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jane Debbrecht –

- Jane passed out the Treasurer report and went over it. It was approved.
- She then went over the estimated budget for 2020. The board discussed it and came up with the proposed budget for 2020.
- The Annual meeting package was approved.

Civic Committee Report: Rich Paajanen completed a shed review.

Infrastructure Update:

- Scott will hold a planning session to build the new boardwalk/trail. Expected date for it to go in is the day of the Fall workbee – October 26th.

- The pontoon float that was at the park beach has been sold.
- Jane is going to order a new garbage can to replace the one that the hinges can't be fixed on.
- Ed reported that the N. Briarwood steps that lead to the greenbelt probably will need to be replaced. If they just need new treads, it can be added to the Fall workbee list. If they do need to be replaced, Fred will talk to TPC to see if they can replace them.
- Thanks to Kristina, Candi Good and Tricia Hamm for helping put the new swim rope out at the East Beach.
- 5 boats that were not tagged were moved to the park. Four were claimed and one is left.
- Cinda ordered 200 new boat tags.
- Ed replaced the bad power outlet at the park. Scott brought up the idea of running an underground trench with a cable to get power to the park area.
- Jane had DTE replace the light at the street at East Beach.

Activities Update:

- The concert was well-received by residents.
- A lot of kids were at the Howell Nature Center presentation. They did a great job.



- A suggestion for a future activity was a presentation of Dunham history.
- Beach clean-up went very smoothly this year, with no issues.
- Since there is much more traffic on weekends and holidays, should we consider reducing the hours for security during the week for 2020?
- Night locking is done for the season.
- Some residents have not been following the rules for party reservations by signing up ahead and it has caused some issues with over-crowding. It makes it hard to monitor who is using the facilities. It was suggested that we send a reminder letter out to residents in the spring concerning reservation requirements.
- Halloween Park Event – Needs a chairperson. It is usually initiated and run by residents.

Natural Resources:

- Kate is going to talk to NCS about providing the special seed blend for the west side. If they are too busy to put it down, then we will spread it ourselves.
- David took some additional samples from the lake. He still needs 8 additional water samples from the 4 corners of the greenbelt.

Communications:

- Gary, Kate, Jen and John Griswold have been working to change the website over to Word Press. Jen will present it to residents at the Annual Meeting.

New Business:

- Kristina sent an email to residents to see if there was any interest in Dunham Lake apparel. There was a lot of interest. She will look into it to get options and prices.

Important Dates:

- Annual Meeting: 10/15/19
- Fall Workbee: 10/26/19

Adjournment: 9:38 pm

Minutes recorded by Carla Gorton.



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13, 2019
Meeting called to order 7:40 pm

Members present: Scott Oswald, Carla Gorton, Fred Everhart, Kate Griswold, Jenny Vanderlist, Wes Watt, Ed Cesa, Gary Burke, Cinda Everhart and Tom Teeters.

Others present: John Griswold

President's Report: Scott Oswald – Concerning positions on the two boards that have opened for 2020:

- Civic Committee – 2 openings will need to be filled. Replacement needs to have been a resident for at least 5 years, member in good standing and past or current member of the board.
- Board of Directors – 1 opening (Treasurer) will need to be filled. Replacement needs to have been on the board at least 2 years.

Board of Directors Position Elections for 2020:

- Fred Everhart will be President.
- Scott Oswald will be Vice-President.
- Carla Gorton will be secretary.
- The board voted them in.

Vice President's Report: Fred Everhart – After checking with the board members, it was decided that the board will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in 2020.

Meeting schedule is as follows:

- January/Ed Cesa
- February/Carla Gorton
- March/Scott Oswald
- April/Wes Watt
- May/Jenny Vanderlist
- June/Main Park (host: Kate Griswold)
- July/Main Park (host: Fred Everhart)
- August/Main Park (host: Tom Teeters)
- September/Gary Burke

Secretary's Report: Carla Gorton – Read minutes from last meeting and then they were amended and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jane Debbrecht – No report

Civic Committee : Jane Debbrecht – No report

Infrastructure Update:

- Status of new boardwalk – It might need a few adjustments. The posts still need to be trimmed down and capped off. We may also purchase a rope handrail for it in the future.
- The Porta-John at the Main Park will be usable throughout the winter.
- Ed Cesa stabilized the railing at the Briar Hill north gate. He is going to get quotes for repairing the steps.
- Ed is also going to get a price on trenching electricity into the Main Park.
- The board needs to come up with new boat policies for the 2020 season.
- The dry hydrant at the Main Park was hit by a car. Calls have been made to get it fixed.
- The East Beach drive culvert was cleaned out and is cleared for now.
- There is a problem with the culvert under Plover Road being blocked. A resident has been having issues with standing water on her property because of the culvert problem. Trees have fallen on her property due to the flooding situation and the fen is also flooded. The county was called and they have tried to clear the culvert, but were not able to clear it totally at the time. Ed is still working with them to get it fixed, but it could be difficult to get it cleared all the way.
- The stream along Plover has a lot of debris in it, slowing down the running water. Should it be cleaned out to get a better flow rate?
- Gates – Ed Cesa will purchase door closures with delays

Activities Update:

- The Halloween Event was very well received. Thank you to all who organized it and those who volunteered to help make it a success.
- The Fall Workbee also went well. The volunteers were able to finish all the tasks.
- Wes is lining up a band for a concert next summer.

Natural Resources:

- Concerning the incident where some Norway Maple trees were cut down on the greenbelt on the west side, it was determined that it was a misunderstanding and not done in a malicious way.
- Fall leaf cleanup at Main Park was not needed. We will do a clean-up in the spring.
- NCS has checked the oak trees around the lake and at this time they do not see any confirmed cases of oak wilt on the greenbelt.

Communications:

- E-group update – John Griswold is working on getting a viable product going. He is testing it and getting it fine tuned, so it can be used by residents.

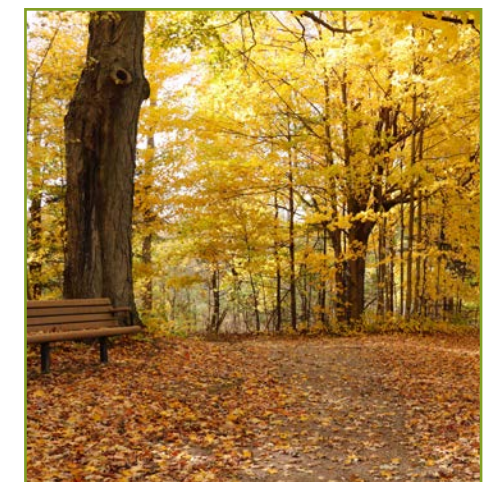
New Business:

- OCSD Speed trailer – Following calls that were made about the speeding on Murray Hill, a speed trailer was stationed on Murray Hill for one day. We are going to request additional days.

Adjournment: 9:38 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 7:30 pm at the home of Ed Cesa.

Minutes recorded by Carla Gorton.





TUESDAY, JAN 14, 2020
Meeting called to order 7:40 pm

Members present: Fred Everhart, Jenny Vanderlist, Kate Griswold, Ed Cesa, Cinda Everhart, Carla Gorton, Scott Oswald and Kristina Oswald.

Others present: Suzan Quick, Kaitlyn Quick, Liam Quick and John Griswold

President's Report: Fred Everhart –

- Jane Debbrecht is going to stay on as Treasurer.
- Board members need to think about what area they would like to help with this coming year before the February meeting. At that time, Fred will put members on the various committees.
- Fred had some good ideas on how to involve more volunteers.
- The priorities in 2020 are finishing the web site, implementing the new email group and replanting the ground cover on the west side of the lake.

Vice President's Report: Scott Oswald – No report.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jane Debbrecht –

- Fred passed out the 2019 Budget and Expenditures Reconciliation that Jane had sent him. The board went over some of the key points on it.

- Jane finally got the last bill of the year from TPC for two months of lawn cutting and the beach sand.

Civic Committee Report: No report – Carol is planning on having a meeting when she gets back from vacation.

Infrastructure Update:

- Ed Cesa reported on the culvert underneath Plover Rd. It is still blocked, except for a trickle getting through. The County tried to clean it out 3 times, but couldn't get it cleared. Ed has contacted many sources for help to get it flowing normally again. He is also working with a lot owner, who might be able to help.
- The East Beach road culvert may need to be replaced and restructured in the future, because it is always getting clogged.
- Encroachment Issue—Fred requested that all board members walk the high trail off the East Beach to check a landscaping wall that was built years ago on the Greenbelt, just off the trail, to check if anything needs to be done about it.
- A suggestion was made to educate future new residents as to the rules of the green belt and lake, so they don't break the rules from lack of knowledge.

Natural Resources:

- The ground cover on the West side needs to be replanted this Spring to restore undergrowth.

Communications:

- The website is up now. Once the new email group is ready to go, a letter with step by step instructions will be sent to residents, inviting them to join. At this point, there are still some details to be worked out before that happens.

- Thank you to John Griswold, Gary, Kate and Jenny for all the time they have spent on it.

Old Business:

- The four wells that were tested on the East side of the lake tested high in nitrates. They need to be retested to make sure. Dr. Jude is going to compile a report of all his findings so far.

Adjournment: 8:58 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ 7:30 pm at the home of Carla Gorton.

Minutes recorded by Carla Gorton.



TUESDAY, FEB. 11, 2020
Meeting called to order 7:36pm

Members present: Fred Everhart, Tom Teeters, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Jenny Vanderlist, Cinda Everhart, Carla Gorton and Ed Cesa.

Others present: John Griswold and Terry Gannon

President's Report: Fred Everhart – It was a quiet January, with very few issues.

Vice President's Report: Scott Oswald – The problems with the roads in Dunham are getting worse. Parkway Ct. and Blue Heron are particularly bad. We need residents to call Oakland County Road Commission and request action. The more calls they get, the more likely it will be to get fixed.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jane Debbrecht –

- The CD reached maturity. Jane renewed it for 9 more months.
- She filed the 2019 Income Tax Return for the Homeowners Association.

Infrastructure Update:

- The culvert under Plover – A resident paid \$450.00 to remove some conduits that has enabled the water to flow through and the flooding to go down. The water is flowing well now.
- A motion was made to support the homeowner's efforts to fix the Plover culvert blockage up to \$450.00 in order to facilitate Oakland County Drain Commission's response. The motion was seconded and approved.
- The East Beach culvert – It was clogged, but has been blown out and is working well now.

Natural Resources:

- The updated fish study was sent to Ed today and he forwarded it to board members. They will look it over.
- We need to educate residents more on the dangers to the lake through use of fertilizers and weed killers.
- Ed got some quotes for planting on the West side. The NCS quote is \$8375.00. We have worked with them for many years and they have done good work, so the board thinks they would do the job right.
- It was proposed and seconded that we approve \$8500 for the restoration on the West side. Further information still needs to be obtained before we go ahead with this project.

Communications:

- John Griswold has been working on getting the bugs out of the new email system. He is now testing sending emails to other members within the committee. He is working on getting the board up and running on the new email system soon. Board members need to go on the website and subscribe.
- Jenny has been adding new information to the Dunham Lake website for the residents to view.
- The board discussed what type of communication would be most beneficial to residents in the future.



Old Business:

After talking to members about particular areas they were interested in, the following allocations of board job duties were decided upon:

- Scott – Natural Resources and Security
- Kristina – Activities, Communication and Security
- Jenny – Communications and Security
- Kate – Activities
- Wes – Infrastructure
- Tom – Infrastructure
- Gary – Communications
- Carla – Activities, will head Beach Clean-up
- Ed – Natural Resources and Infrastructure
- Fred – will help in all areas

New Business:

Pam Moran came up with some information and guidelines for the 2020 newsletters. There are dates to help members with submitting articles in a timely manner. Also, areas that additional articles are needed for the upcoming Spring newsletter. Proposed articles to be put in the Spring issue are:

- An article about fertilizers and weed killers.
- Tom Teeters will come up with some suggestions for storing boats at the lake in a responsible way.
- Communications – will write an article about the coming email system and the new website.
- Activities – will inform residents of some of the events coming up in 2020.

Pam needs all articles turned in by March 23rd.

Adjournment: 9:18 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 @ 7:30 pm at the home of Scott and Kristina Oswald.

Minutes recorded by Carla Gorton.



The following regulations are designed to assure members and their guests the maximum benefits of the Association facilities. Strict observance of these rules is necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose. Any member violating any of these rules or engaging in conduct that is not in the best interest of the Association members will subject himself to such action as the Civic Committee and Property Owners Association deem advisable.

- 1 Park property (trees, brush, equipment, etc.) must not be destroyed or removed without the permission of the Property Owners Association and the Civic Committee. Violators will be subject to treble damages.
- 2 The use of water from Dunham Lake for private water systems is prohibited.
- 3 Members shall be personally liable for any damages to Association property resulting from careless, willful, or negligent acts by their families or their guests.
- 4 Glass containers are not allowed on beaches. All refuse in the park areas must be deposited in the trash containers supplied for that purpose. The dumpster is for park trash only.
- 5 Entrance gates to the Association Parks must be kept locked at all times.
- 6 Minors must have proper adult supervision when using Association property.
- 7 Parents shall be held responsible for minors actions when using Association property and facilities.
- 8 Boat docking on the beaches and swimming rafts is not permitted.
- 9 Picnics are not allowed on the swimming beaches.
- 10 There shall be no open fires for any purpose on the DLPOA common grounds, excluding approved charcoal and gas grills, with the exception of the following DLPOA Board sanctioned events where an approved container will be provided for use: Family Camp-out, Pig Roast and the Haunted Trail.
- 11 Overnight camping is not permitted in the park areas or on any subdivision lots.
- 12 All state fish and fire hazard laws are to be observed.
- 13 Boats must be identified with a DLPOA boat sticker to permit easy identification. All boats shall be completely removed from the water when not in use.
- 14 No private docks or rafts are permitted along DLPOA property.
- 15 No motors, gas or electric are allowed on Dunham Lake.
- 16 No motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed on lake or park areas, (mini-bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, or all terrain vehicles).
- 17 The use of firearms, air rifles, or weapons of any description is prohibited at all times in the subdivision and park areas.
- 18 No dogs are allowed on the beach areas due to sanitary and safety reasons. All dogs in the Main Park area must be restrained by a leash.
- 19 Swimming, picnicking, or congregating is not permitted after 10:00 pm.
- 20 No horses are allowed in the park or beach areas due to sanitary and safety reasons.
- 21 No guest will be admitted to the park and lake areas unless the lot owner host is physically present in the subdivision. Guests at the park who are 18 years or younger must be physically accompanied by their DLPOA resident host at all times while in the park.
- 22 The number of guests shall be limited to 10, except upon approval by Park Reservations of the Association.
- 23 All privately owned boats and apparatus associated with those boats must be removed from the park area by December 1st and are allowed back on the greenbelt April 1st.
- 24 Each property owner is limited to 2 parking places in the parking lots.
- 25 Smoking is prohibited on the beaches and all residents are required to properly dispose of cigarette butts.
- 26 If members and or guests violate any of these rules, they will be asked to vacate the DLPOA property.

Revised 8/12/2009



TO MAKE PARK RESERVATIONS call Diane Blakeney at 248-408-7012

The DLPOA Board has set rules that are intended to allow Residents the use of the park for gatherings, but not to infringe on the rights of other residents using the parklands. The DLPOA is asking each gathering sponsor to support the spirit of these rules and ensure their enforcement. In April 2017 the DLPOA Board approved a Park Reservation rate increase effective June 1, 2017. Rates will be raised to \$20 reservation and \$20 refundable deposit for parties of 10-30 people and \$40 reservation and \$40 refundable deposit for parties >30 people. You can either retrieve your deposit or it will be shredded depending on whether or not the rules have been followed. The fees will go for the cleaning of the Porta-Johns and General Park cleaning.

Main Park Dumpster

The dumpster at main park is for park trash only, it is not intended for household use. Please use the metal can located next to dumpster for ashes from charcoal grilles. Do not empty hot coals into the dumpster.



DLPOA KEY POLICY

- Only two keys will be issued per property owner.
- Replacement keys will be \$75.00 each.
- Property owner must sign for any keys issued to them.
- All dues must be paid prior to keys being issued.
- Property owner agrees to retain possession of issued keys.
- If there is a transfer of property, seller agrees to turn keys over to the buyer.

DLPOA RULES are as follows:

- 1 A scheduled party will have access to 3 picnic tables.
- 2 The party is restricted to the sponsor's parking space plus the two additional passes provided with the reservation.
- 3 No tents or tarps are allowed.
- 4 Each gathering is responsible for emptying the garbage cans in the area into the dumpster. Please replace garbage bags into empty cans.
- 5 Each gathering is responsible to thoroughly police the area for trash.
- 6 Each gathering is responsible for the safe disposal of burning charcoal. Please allow yourself enough time to cool the coals. DO NOT LEAVE BURNING COALS IN THE GRILLS. We have had fires in the dumpster, so please follow this rule for safety purposes.
- 7 Party cleanup should begin with enough time to ensure your party is completed and complete by 8 p.m.
- 8 Glass bottles are not allowed on beaches.
- 9 As the sponsor of the party, you are responsible for the behavior of your guests. If you require assistance, there may be park security on duty or you may call 911 for the police. Please be courteous and responsive to the security people. They are there to help and do their job to enforce rules.
- 10 Please contain the noise of your group: have fun but be aware of your neighbors who border the park area.
- 11 Do not park on the surrounding streets near the park. You may receive a parking ticket.
- 12 Please keep GATES LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.
- 13 It is possible to have more than one party booked on the same day. Please be considerate to all who are visiting.
- 14 If you are going to reserve tables with signs or tablecloths prior to the start of your party it is recommended that someone from the party be present in the park. The DLPOA will not be involved in settling disputes on reserved picnic tables.
- 15 Please do not dominate the volleyball, basketball, and playground areas as well as open spaces of the park.
- 16 PLEASE clean up cigarette butts and SMOKING is prohibited on beaches.
- 17 Please ensure that the woods are not used in place of the Porta-Johns.

DLPOA PROPERTY, PARK AND LAKE BOAT REGULATIONS

Please review the following regulations that have been adopted by the DLPOA Board. Failure to comply with these regulations could lead to removal of your boat from the Greenbelt until the appropriate fine is paid.



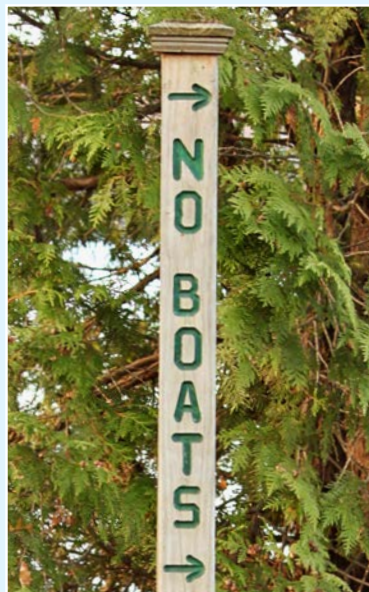
Boat storage on the Greenbelt is for RESIDENTS ONLY!

Boat Regulations

- By Michigan DNR statute, boats operated on Dunham Lake are to be NON-motorized. No motors, gas or electric, are allowed.
- Boat docking on the beaches and swimming rafts is not permitted.
- All boats stored on DLPOA lakeshore **must** have a **DLPOA identification sticker** to permit easy identification. (If your sticker cannot be seen when the boat is stowed, use a permanent marker to write your sticker number on a visible part of the boat or boat cover.) Contact Cinda Everhart at 248-889-4419 to obtain your sticker.
- All boats shall be **COMPLETELY** removed from the water when not in use.
- All privately owned boats and apparatus associated with those boats must be removed from the park area by December 1st and are allowed back on the greenbelt April 1st. Boats left on the lakeshore after December 1st will be relocated and restrained at the Main park at the expense of the owner.

Boat Stowing Courtesies

To all who store their boats down at the lakeshore — please be aware of the “**NO BOATS**” posted areas. There are 4x4 sign posts indicating where boats may **NOT** be kept due to ecologically sensitive areas. Boats found in these areas may be relocated by the Board and restrained at the Main park at your expense.



- **DO NOT place a tarp under the boat, as it kills off the natural vegetation.**
- No part of stowed boat may be on the walking path.
- No part of stowed boats shall hang above the water line.
- If a boat is leaned against a tree, that tree shall be mature and strong enough to support the boat without damage to the tree.
- If a boat is leaned against a tree, the shortest side of the boat shall be upward.
- Water should be removed from each stowed boat on a weekly basis to minimize the breeding of mosquitoes.
- The choice of a location for boat stowage should, as much as possible, preserve the natural view of our beautiful lake.

We are so lucky to keep our boats on the Greenbelt, so please follow the rules of our lake!

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IMPORTANT DATES: Mark your Calendars!

ALL EVENT DATES ARE TENTATIVE FOR NOW. PLEASE CHECK THE NEW WEBSITE FOR FURTHER UPDATES.

-  **Boats IN!**
April 1, 2020
-  **Spring Workbee**
Canceled. Date TBD, 2020
-  **Neighborhood Pig Roast**
August 1, 2020
-  **DLPOA Annual Meeting**
October 13, 2020
-  **Fall Workbee**
Date TBD, 2020
-  **Boats OUT!**
December 1, 2020



DLPOA Board Meetings

(will all be virtual meetings between Board Members until further notice)

DLPOA Board Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday 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 Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!