
◆ ANN LAKE WATER LOG ◆

MAY 26, 2004

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER -JUDY CONANT

The birds are back, including the snowbirds. Docks are out and boats are in. Everyone is looking forward to summer.

While the activity is increasing on the lake, be sure to share the boating regulations printed in the Newsletter with family and guests. Last summer we had complaints of water skiing too close to docks as well as reckless use of boats by young people. Not only were they endangering other boaters and swimmers, the wildlife was being chased by boaters.

The Health and Safety committee has contacted the Benzie County Marine Patrol for information on additional patrols, see the report in this Newsletter. If you observe any violations, contact the Benzie County Sheriff Dept. (231) 882-4484

WHAT IS THE NAME?

This organization was named "*Ann Lake Property Owners Association*" because all of the historical documents show that the lake's name is "*Ann Lake*." It was named after Ann Wheelelock, one of Benzie County's early settlers, way back in the 1800's. At a later date the Village was named "*Lake Ann*" and thus the common usage was applied to the lake as well as the Village.

Annual Meeting and picnic June 19 Th., mark your calendar! New officers will be elected at the meeting. The slate of officers and board members to be elected at the meeting is included in the Nominating report. You must be a paid up member to be eligible to vote. Remember, only one vote per household (or in the case of shared access) one vote per lot.

Want to join the Forth of July boat parade? Any questions contact Del Roelofs at 231 275 5573.

SPRING WATER QUALITY REPORT ***JONI KESKEY***

It's been a cool, wet spring, but water testing begins regardless of Mother Nature. Spring Phosphorus tests were taken in late April and turned in to the DEQ. Water clarity, Chlorophyll and Dissolved Oxygen testing begin on May 15th and will continue weekly (monthly for Chlorophyll) throughout the summer.

Ron Harrison of the Platte River Watershed has applied for a grant to include the upper Platte, including Ann Lake in their extensive testing program. As soon as we hear any more about the grant, we will let you know. For now, enjoy the lake and our animal and fish neighbors. Respect their needs and the needs and rights of your neighbors by obeying the water regulations

HEALTH AND SAFETY - GARY PIERCE

Boating season is fast approaching, which brings us to **SAFETY**. We all want to have an enjoyable, fun filled summer on the waters of Ann Lake. We the residents have been extremely fortunate with the safe history of our lake. This is because of the simple fact that **YOU**, the residents know the meaning and the importance of **SAFETY FIRST**.

Our once *little Village and Township of Almira* has increased and is still increasing in population, thus our watercraft activities and traffic on our Beautiful Ann Lake increase also. Because of our growth, it is anticipated Ann Lake will see an increase in Patrols both by the Benzie County and the D.N.R. this boating season.

Please remember, it is everyone's responsibility to make certain that our watercraft meets the regulations governed by the Law. This includes the rules and regulations as set forth in postings and copied as an attachment to this news letter.

RANSOM LAKE - JANE BLUHM

Two bridges which will be placed over creeks are in the process of being completed. One will be done this spring and the other later in the summer. A Port-A-Potty will be placed near the parking area. The area has had a great deal of use.

**The Ransom
Lake Nature
Area is for
Real !!**

The Rails & Trails Conservancy in Lansing has contacted Almira Township with an opportunity to raise funds for further improvements in the development of the Ransom Lake Recreation Area. Lunch will be served to approximately 600 cyclists on Saturday, July 20 at the large Pavilion in the Almira Township Park. Don't be surprised if you are called on to supply a couple dozen cookies. For further information, contact Claudette Clark at 275-7795.

GOVERNMENT - JANE BLUHM

The open house for the FIRE & EMS facility will be held Saturday, June 26th. The open house will begin at 10 A.M. and will run until 1 P.M.. There will be activities provided for the children

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE.***
- 2. MEMBERSHIP FORM.***
- 3. STATEMENT OF BOATING REGULATIONS.***

YOU MAY BRING THE MEMBERSHIP FORM AND CHECK TO THE MEETING OR MAIL THEM ALONG WITH YOUR PROXY TO TREASURER, SHIRLEY DREWS AT: P O BOX 184 LAKE ANN, MI 49650