

◇ ANN LAKE WATER LOG ◇

NOVEMBER 30, 2003.

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PRESIDENTS CORNER - JUDY CONANT

Hi, my name is Judy Conant, President of the Ann Lake Property Owners Association for 2003-2004. My husband, Denny and I have been property owners on the lake since 1997, and previously I served on the Board of Directors as the Newsletter Chair.

Our new President JUDY CONANT

The Association's purpose is to :

- * *Preserve Ann Lake as a natural resource and recreational area.*
- * *Promote the education of lake users about water quality and water safety of Ann Lake and the Platte River watershed.*
- * *Support issues which concern the welfare of the lake.*
- * *Promote the best interests of the membership in fiscal and civic matters.*

The annual dues of \$20.00 support the following programs:

- * *Water quality monitoring through the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program*
- * *Membership in Michigan Lake and Streams.*
- * *Postage and costs of publishing the Newsletter.*
- * *Annual meeting and picnic.*

The association does not implement new rules and restrictions for property owners or lake users. We only wish to protect our investment, as well as the safety of everyone using Ann Lake.

THANK YOU PAST BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you - Joni Keskey, Past President, for continuing to be the Chair of the Water Quality Committee.

Dianne Minicucci and Dick Unger for their service on the Board as well as participating in the water testing program.

Lee Muehlmann, leaving the Board after serving as the charter president and the Health & Safety committee chair.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The new board members elected at the Annual Meeting are Marriane Caldwell, Gary Pierce and John Nuske

MEMBERSHIP

Please note the dues request form is included with this mailing. Our continued work can only be accomplished by increasing our membership. Please send any name changes, and if new neighbors let us know who they are, when paying your dues. You can send them to our treasure, Shirley Drews, P O Box 184, Lake Ann, 49650. Thank you.

RANSOM LAKE - JANE BLUHM

The development of the Ransom Lake Area continues. To date, the parking lot off Bellows Lake Road is complete. There has been a fence with a walk thru gate installed so that no vehicles can get through. The main sign, which will be placed on the corner of Bellows Lake Road and Nofsger, has been ordered. The survey of the area has been completed. The recreational Resources Committee will be updating the five year Master Plan to submit to the State. With the State's approval of the plan, the Township Board will be able to apply for state grants which will help in the development of the area. The committee will also be studying the use of the trails by off road vehicles. There have been signs of these vehicles using the trails. Any input is welcomed from the public to the committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - JANE BLUHM

We will continue to see a great deal of progress on the Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Building as the framing of the interior begins. The parking lot for this building will be connected to the office parking lot for easier access.

There are many ideas for the use of the old Fire Hall which is located in the Village. At some point, there will be a public hearing held to gather input from the community for their thoughts on the use of the building.

2003 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Water testing for Ann Lake was completed as of the third week of September. Our last clarity depth was 20 feet. All reports have been sent to the Michigan Lake and Streams Association and the Michigan DEQ. We will receive a compilation of these results in a handbook sent out by the MLSA in January, where we will have the opportunity to compare our results with other lakes of similar size and structure. You can see this handbook at the June Annual Membership Meeting.

This year we were privileged to participate in a side by side testing format with the head of the testing program, Ralph Bednarz, for the last testing session. He takes the same samples as we do (clarity, chlorophyll, phosphorus, oxygen and water temperature) but with more sophisticated equipment. The results are then compared, both to validate the program and calibrate the equipment. An interesting fact is the results of the volunteers are within .4 percent of his.

If you are interested in helping out with the program, please call. We can always use help. Ioni Keskey

*We have every
reason to be hon-
ored to be sharing
the lake with ALL
THE WILDLIFE
IT SUPPORTS*