

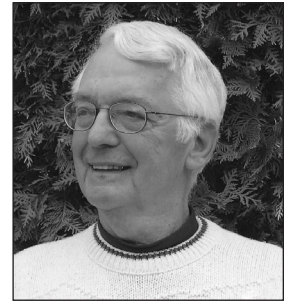


Lake Leelanau
LAKE ASSOCIATION

Fall 2007 Newsletter

President's Letter

Timely and appropriate communication to our members is not only extremely important but essential given all that is going on around our lake. The Association's newsletter is mailed three times a year (fall and winter) to members only with all riparian receiving the summer edition. In order to get information to all riparian who live around the lake in a timely fashion, your Board has developed a web site and will make every effort to include new reports and events. Please add our site to your 'favorites' www.lakeleelanau.org. and check in once in a while to find out what is going on.



In addition to our newsletter and web site, we have an e-mail data base, which can be used to broadcast e-mails regarding timely issues or meeting dates. Please notify our membership chair (Gwen Rich at idlerich@chartermi.net) with any changes to your e-mail address or to confirm that you are on our list. I can assure you that your address will never be shared!

Throughout this newsletter there are detailed descriptions of 'events', but I would like to touch on a few here.

First, as you all know from the special mailing in early August, we are suing the DEQ and the Narrows Development Company with a goal of further reducing or eliminating the finger piers in the Narrows. The basis for the suit is multi-faceted and includes technical and process oversights by the DEQ. At present, this suit is in a temporary holding pattern and should resume within 90 days.

Issues affecting the lake on which we have had queries or activity includes swimmer's itch for which the only solution seems to be application of blocking lotions and immediate vigorous toweling when drying off. Water quality seems to be maintained at a high level and the algae blooms and zebra mussels seem to be reduced in some areas.

We continue to work towards updating zoning around the lake to preclude inappropriate degradation of the near shore areas and water quality. To be successful, this effort requires riparian awareness and involvement in identifying specific concerns and township activities. Our township representatives may be able to help as they are made aware of your concerns or issues.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all of you for continuing your membership at the increased dues rate. Your support is critical for maintaining our efforts. Also, a personal thank you to those of you that contributed specifically to the Narrows effort and those that chose to increase their dues contribution to the Legacy status. As a result of your help, our financial situation has greatly improved. Thank you to all!!

Enjoy the Holiday season and please keep in touch.



Hugh Farber
President

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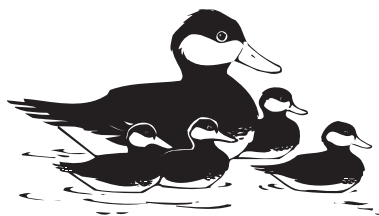
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Narrows Expenses Outlook

By John Fitzpatrick

After the August letter explaining the LLLA's legal situation on the Narrows development, the response of members was most gratifying. In addition to many expressions of support, numerous checks were sent to assist with legal fees for which we thank all donors!

At the same time, the Board of Directors mounted a focused effort to address a potential indebtedness of about \$50,000 to our law firm. Thanks to an unprecedented major gift from a member, and another major gift anticipated in the near future our financial obligations should be reduced to a manageable level. This will allow the LLLA to move forward from a stable financial base to deal with the Narrows issue as well as our traditional attention to water quality, safety, fishing, member education, etc.

Proposed septic regulations defeated

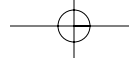
by Jeff Green, President, East Leland Property Owner's Association

This summer the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners considered amending the septic regulations of the Benzie-Leelanau Health Department. The changes would have mandated inspections of septic systems when homes were sold and also mandated inspections for all other homes on a twenty year cycle. These changes would have brought the Leelanau County regulations in line with those of Benzie County, but after much discussion the changes were defeated by a Board vote of 5 to 2.

There were three main arguments against the changes: that they mandated too much government intrusion on the rights of property owners; that they would cost from \$200 - \$300 per inspection which was too expensive; and that there were no obvious signs of deterioration in the quality of the water in Leelanau lakes, streams and ground water to make these changes necessary. The counter-arguments are that these inspections have caused no harm in Benzie county where the rules are already in effect, that the cost of inspections is only \$10-\$15 per year over the 20 year cycle, an amount any home owner could handle, and that the cost of cleaning up our lakes, streams, and ground water after major damage would far exceed the cost of prevention. It is unlikely that the Board will reconsider this issue soon, but in the meantime it is important for those who want to prevent pollution of our county waters to make the case for change more forcefully.

Join our E-mail List

The LLLA publishes the newsletter three times a year. However, if you would like to get up-to-the-minute news and information about LLLA activities, including current updates on the Narrows and other important issues, you need to be on our e-mail list. Just send an e-mail to Gwen Rich at idlerich@chartermi.net and she will add your name to the list. This is the best way to keep abreast of the latest happenings with the Lake Association.



Lake Leelanau Lake Association

8th Annual Summer Picnic



A picturesque summer day, perfect for boating & beaching, may have kept some members away from this year's annual picnic, but those who attended enjoyed the picnic atmosphere of Nedows Bay, great food, brats prepared by a past president, Glenn Gotshall, a chance to visit with committee chairs, and finally, every family took home a door prize. The LLLA Board

The Bluebird Restaurant & Bar, Leland
 Boone's Prime Time Pub, Suttons Bay
 Boskydel Winery, Lake Leelanau
 Carlson's Fish Market, Leland
 Cedar Tavern, Cedar
 Chateau Fontaine, Lake Leelanau
 Covered Wagon Market, Suttons Bay
 Dick's Pour House, Lake Leelanau
 Fifth Third Bank, Suttons Bay
 Fischer's Happy Hour Tavern, Northport
 Fish Hook, Leland
 Russ & Layne Flick, Lake Leelanau
 Hansen Foods, Suttons Bay
 Huntington National Bank, Leland
 Jaffe's Resale, Lake Leelanau
 Jon's Barber & Sports Shop, Suttons Bay
 King's Challenge Golf Course, Cedar
 Andy Kurzmann, Lake Leelanau

of Directors would like to thank all volunteers, the picnic committee (Russ & Layne Flick and Bonnie & Glenn Gotshall) who helped make our annual picnic a success. A special thanks goes to the following businesses that contributed door prizes. Please patronize these businesses and thank them for their continued support.



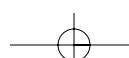
LLLA Vice President, John Fitzpatrick (left) addresses the attendees, and Glenn Gotshall (right) takes a break from cooking brats.

Leelanau Club at Bahle Farms, Suttons Bay
 Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau
 Leland Mercantile, Leland
 Manitou Marine, Lake Leelanau
 L. Mawby Vineyards, Suttons Bay
 Peddling Beans Coffee House, Lake Leelanau
 The Picture Hook, Lake Leelanau
 Plant Master's of Suttons Bay
 Raftschol Winery, Sutton's Bay
 Jesse Ray, Lake Leelanau
 Salon Chenneaux, Lake Leelanau
 Sisson's Main Street Specialties, Leland
 Stander Marine, Leland
 Sugarfoot Restaurant, Cedar
 Van's Garage, Leland
 The Village Inn/Lucky Duck Tavern, Suttons Bay

MARINE SAFETY PROGRAM - ACTIVITY REPORT

Summer 2007

Body of Water	# Patrol Hrs.	# Contacts	# Tickets	# Warnings
N. Lake	167	365	11	32
S. Lake	178	434	17	25



Oh, What a Night

By Susan Green

On September 8th, seventy-three Legacy Circle members met on the sun dappled lawn of Rink Wheeler's Wardens Point home. With wine, mixed drinks or soft drinks in one hand and plates of bruschetta, peeled shrimp, artichoke spread, crackers, bread, fruit, cheese, and other goodies in the other they stood while Hugh Farber, President, congratulated them on their commitment to the lake. He recognized Mary Taylor, Chairperson of the Communications Committee for using her legendary organizational and leadership skills to pull the party together. And with heartfelt sincerity he thanked Rink Wheeler for opening his historic home to Legacy members and for making certain we had a perfect Leland evening. No one has ever been criticized for giving a short speech so with a passing reference to the Lake Association's determination to fight docking slips in the Narrows, President Farber turned the crowd loose to eat, drink, visit, enjoy the sunset, and tour the Wheeler house.

Built in 1907 of fieldstone and Midwestern timber by the Wardens from Chicago, the house has seven bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, pantry, back stairway and mudroom in addition to a living room, dining room, study-bedroom and kitchen. Only two rooms in the house are painted - all others have the original oak flooring and paneling of assorted northern woods - ash, beech, cherry, pine, cedar, oak and maple - with most of the downstairs paneled in wild cherry. Most light fixtures and furniture are original as is a useful and charming soapstone sink in the pantry. The house passed through several families after the Wardens sold it in the mid-40's. The Wheeler family acquired it in the '60's and again it enjoys the love and care of succeeding generations. Now it stands guard on Wardens Point, a reminder that there is grace and beauty in tradition.

The Legacy Circle has started its own traditions too, so be sure to join us next summer for the Second Legacy Celebration.

The Communications Committee, comprised of Mary Taylor, Chair, Amy Chatfield, Susan Green, Colleen Moose, E.J. Fitzpatrick, along



Hugh Farber welcomes Legacy Members; A beautiful display of 'lite bites'; and Rink Wheeler, a very gracious host, shares a glass of wine with Amy Chatfield.

with Cherryll Frick, planned and executed the first Legacy Celebration. Wine was donated, as well as the beer and alcohol. The 'lite bites' were prepared and mostly donated by the committee.

The Lake Leelanau Legacy Circle is a new opportunity for enhanced giving. This group is comprised of members of our Association who want to stretch beyond basic annual dues. The three levels of Legacy giving are \$100-\$249 Kayakers; \$250-\$499 Runabouts; and \$500 and up Cruisers. Instead of joining at the basic membership fee of \$45.00, consider joining at this new membership level.

Three Ways to Get YOUR Lake Leelanau Windsock

- (1) Become a "Friend of Lake Leelanau" Cost \$18.00
- (2) Upgrade your membership to one of the Legacy Circle membership and you will automatically receive a windsock (no charge)
- (3) Be a volunteer on a Lake Leelanau Association committee (no charge)



Ordinance Committee Report

By John Popa

Many think that ordinances hinder a land owner's right to use or develop their own property. Actually development is rarely prevented. In reality, ordinances help insure that what is developed reflects the potential impact on neighbors and their property.

Our Lake Association is making efforts to insure ordinances are followed and also to provide input, guidance, and recommendations to Townships for their ordinances. These efforts are not to stop growth or use of land. These efforts are so that our precious lake and surroundings does not look like some busy, blighted, congested area of a city.

We have included some recommendations below of things that you can do to help out, most of which are FREE. If you notice something that is not proper or does not follow the local ordinance, try to nicely discuss your concerns with the offender and inquire about it. If you want to remain anonymous, we encourage you to call and discuss your concern with your Township.

The following are areas of interest that the Association is concentrating on:

Keyholing

Most ordinances address this issue, but some ordinances may be missing a few important details. The intent is to insure that a small parcel is not used to provide access to a large number of users, including long docks, multiple boats or anchorages, noise, lights, parking, pollution, etc. If you notice something like this happening, call your Township (it does not hurt to inquire).

Docks

Some ordinances have a few words about docks, but work is needed here. We do not want to restrict any usages, but some guidance is needed for adequate size, quantity, and to insure that the dock is just that....a dock, and not a large pavilion, or used for dozens of other back lot owners, resulting in numerous hoists, etc.

Lighting

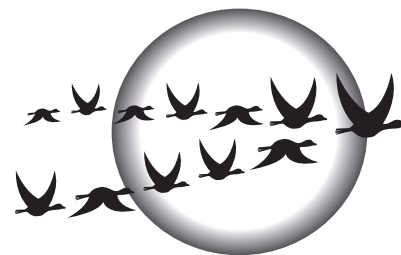
Again, most ordinances have some words, but some are vague, and not all owners are aware of requirements.

Also, the lights that are scattered throughout all the surrounding hills and countryside are easily noticed when one looks out across the open water, and is quite unsightly. Owners should always be able to light up their own property, if they choose to. The important thing here is that the light needs to stay on their property, and not light up the surrounding lands, or shine out across the lake. You can do your share here: insure your flood lights point down on your property; outdoor incandescent porch lights should be 60 watts or less; don't leave lights on all night long if not necessary; and if you have an open mercury-vapor or other type of constant yard light, insure it is shielded....you may consider replacing it with a horizontal cut-off, or some have shields installed on it, so the direct lighting stays on your property. Most new construction for the last 10-15 years must obey lighting standards if there are any. Everyone can help in this area.

Road-ends

Public road ends need to stay open for public access. On the other hand, there needs to be assurances that they stay open, and not be blocked, or used for other things, other than access. There has been recent legislation introduced (HB 4463) that would open up the road ends for marinas, docks, rentals, etc. This bill is in the Senate committee as of September, and it may die....but don't count on it. Bills have a way of being re-introduced at any moment; this one will come up again. The work that we need to do, is to insure ordinances have the necessary wording to protect the road-ends so that they remain for everyone's access. If you are near a road end, and notice that it may be used improperly for storage, parties, etc., be sure to report it!

You may also contact your township representative, all of whom are listed on the second page of this newsletter.





Swimmer's Itch

by Wayne Swallow

Have you been infected by swimmer's itch this past year? Swimmer's itch is a skin rash caused by a parasite. Researchers report that 60 to 70 percent of people never contact swimmer's itch because they are not allergic to causative parasite. Individuals who are allergic to the parasite develop an itchy skin rash with small puss-filled pimples. If you're one of these individuals, read on for a little help!

The Water Quality (WQ) committee received just a few reports of swimmer's itch during 2007. This short summary provides some basic information. Further information is available on the Hope College web site: <http://www.hope.edu/academic/biology/faculty/blankespoor/index.html>. The Michigan State University Extension Bulletin WQ 58, June 2003, "Occurrence, Distribution and Control of Parasites that Cause Swimmer's Itch in Michigan" is also available from local MSU extension offices for a modest cost of three dollars.

Knowing a little information about the biology of swimmer's itch is perhaps the best way to minimize infections of your family. Researchers report that up to 15 species of blood flukes may be responsible for swimmer's itch in Michigan. Adult blood flukes infect waterfowl, song birds and mammals as primary hosts. Common mergansers are reported as the most significant source of the parasite on Lake Leelanau. The adult blood flukes mate in blood vessels as the primary host. The females produce and release eggs, which pass out of the birds with feces. The eggs hatch into free swimming larvae called cercaria. Once hatched these larvae seek out snails as intermediate hosts. The larvae penetrate or are eaten by the snail and form a reproductive sack called a sporocyst. Each sporocyst produces second sporocyst. This second sack produces large numbers of a second type of free-swimming larvae called cercaria. The cercaria are released from the snails, seek out and infect the primary host (mergansers) to complete the cycle.

When the cercaria accidentally infect humans, they can result in swimmer's itch for sensitive individuals.

Researchers have tried to control swimmer's itch, but with limited success. Treatment of snails with various commercial products that contain copper sulfate can kill adult snails and eggs. However, copper sulfate is toxic. It can accumulate in sediments and lead to harm of other non-target organisms. Selective physical removal of mergansers or inoculation of the birds with a blood fluke killing-drug has shown some promise. However, these efforts are difficult to administer, and the limited number of studies are not sufficient to predict measurable long-term effectiveness.

Some basic information can help you avoid swimmer's itch. The maximum release of cercariae from snails occurs when water temperature reaches 20 to 24 degrees C. (68-75 degrees F), usually June-July. Absence of snails from a swimming area does not necessarily mean there is a low risk of contacting swimmer's itch. Cercariae may be blown into a beach area from adjacent areas with abundant snail populations. When cercariae are present in the water, they attach to swimmers and penetrate a swimmer's skin. Showering and/or drying off after swimming will help reduce the chances of cercaria infection. Some sunscreens containing DEET have been shown to deter the cercaria. Even waterproof sunscreens without DEET have proven helpful. Finally, do not encourage ducks or other waterfowl to frequent your beach area. Their droppings may likely contain eggs of the parasite.





Buoy-O-Buoy

by John Popa

It seems that more and more improper water buoys are installed every year. They look terrible and are a navigation hazard, and a possible safety concern (recall when a boat in Lake Huron caught a line/buoy and got tangled and swamped).

Fast boats and skiers are required to stay 100 ft. away from docks and fishing boats, and to stay 200 ft. away from diving flags. Designated swimming areas have special type of vertical buoy and rope that identify the area next to shore. Some buoys identify correct passage, anchorage, or hazard. And that is about it.

More and more water front owners like to install all kinds of colored jugs, balls, markers, and other types of "litter" way off shore. Sometimes the intention is to keep casual boaters far away from 'their' shore. These are not correct buoys, and need to be removed. They are out of the 100 ft. zone, are difficult to see at night, they create a hazard, and the installer could be held accountable.

The free part here is to please remove them, if you have them. Or if another owner installs them, do your share and discuss your concern with the owner. If all else fails and a hazard exists, you can call the Sheriff.

3rd ANNUAL KID'S FISHING DAY

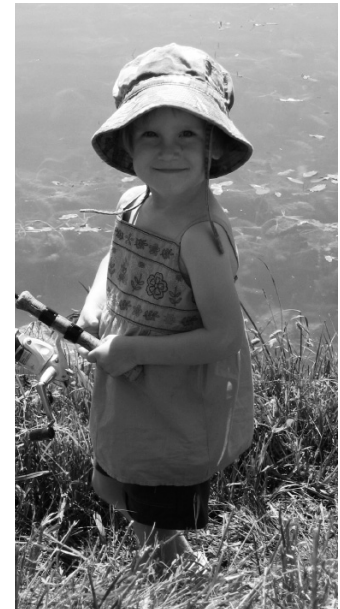
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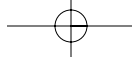
by Pete Taylor

Over 600 kids, parents, and grandparents attended the third annual Kid's Fishing Day which was held this year on Sunday June 24, at the former Veronica Valley golf course. Last year over 400 kids and parents attended this fun event and this year's turnout set a new record. Sponsoring this year's event were the Lake Leelanau Lake Association, Mich. DNR, the Leelanau Enterprise, the Cedar Rod and Gun Club, CHUCK, the Sheriff's Youth League of Leelanau County, and the Grand Traverse Band. The pond was stocked with hundreds of bluegills and some BIG rainbow trout. In addition, there were nature displays, and as a special treat this year, Rebecca Lessard of Wings of Wonder, who rescues and rehabilitates wild birds, showed and talked about some of her raptors. Free hot dogs and pop were furnished to satisfy the inner fisherkid. A



special thanks to all the committee members and volunteers who worked hard to make this year's event a huge success. If all goes as planned, this property will soon be a Leelanau County Park. The park commission has expressed an interest in continuing the "Kid's Fishing Day" and the LLLA and the other sponsors are looking forward to a continuation of this special event.





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___ Yes!! I'm here year 'round
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(See below for volunteer areas)

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