



# Lake Leelanau

## L A K E A S S O C I A T I O N

Summer 2007 Newsletter

### *President's Letter*

**A**s I begin this letter, it is night time and it is still 60+. Spring is here! Hummingbirds are in the area, trillium is everywhere and the sweet cherry trees are laden with blossoms. What a beautiful area!!

The Board has spent many hours working with our attorney and other concerned folks in the area to reduce any potential negative impact from the condominiums and dockage planned for the Narrows. We feel the condominium, per se, is a suitable use of this commercially zoned property and it appears the developer has appropriate plans for handling water runoff to preclude significant impact on the Narrows and Lake Leelanau. The Board still feels that of the 8 slips presently permitted, only 4 are marginally deep enough to be truly useful without destroying bottom vegetation, etc. Thus, the present dockage allocation is a compromise and offers considerably less potential environmental damage than that originally proposed.



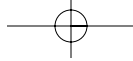
One very positive outgrowth of this issue are the various activities around the lake to update/upgrade the township zoning ordinances that impact shoreline activities(see related story on page 2). All members should be alert to shoreline activities of a questionable nature and are encouraged to get involved with zoning issues. Our township representatives are the focal point for the Association efforts - call them!

In part of this newsletter you will find announcements of the Fish Day program for kids, our annual meeting, the annual picnic, as well as our first annual event for Legacy Circle members. I hope you will plan to attend one or all of these functions. The annual meeting is a great time for members to communicate concerns or satisfaction with the Board's past years' performance and help orient next years' activities. We are all open to suggestions on how to better satisfy the needs and desires of our membership.

I am extremely pleased with the level of commitment and the performance of the other officers, committee chairs, and township representatives. They all help make my function as President reasonably responsive to the various issues, and at times make the process downright pleasurable. The progress that this Association has made reflects their efforts. I am taking this opportunity to publicly thank these super folks for their help!

Hugh Farber  
President

**1393 Home owners on Lake Leelanau.**  
**746 Association Members**  
*Encourage your neighbors to join!*



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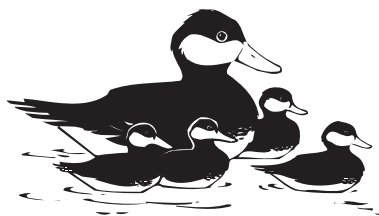
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**Leland Township Planning Commission approves amendment to common use waterfront (Keyholing) ordinance**

At a meeting on May 22, 2007, the Leland Township Planning Commission voted six to one to amend section 18.23 of the township zoning ordinance to eliminate the words "without residing upon said frontage". This change effectively removes a loophole in the ordinance that formerly allowed families who share use and/or ownership of waterfront property, and reside on the property, to be exempt from the important regulations contained in the ordinance. Before this change developers could conceivably take advantage of this loophole to build multi-family housing with unregulated dockage along the shores of the lake without complying with any of the conditions contained in Sec. 18.23. These regulations, which now effect all multi-family users/owners of shoreline lots, whether they reside upon them or not, cover many important issues including the amount of frontage and square footage required for each family having water front privileges, the number and size of docks permitted (one per 100 feet), the parking required, and additional conditions required for site plan review.

The Lake Leelanau Lake Association requested this amendment several months ago and we are pleased that the Planning Commission has taken this important step to insure that in the future we will have responsible regulation of shoreline development around North Lake Leelanau.

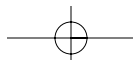
**LEGACY CIRCLE CELEBRATION - SAVE THE DATE!**

**September 8, 2007**

**Historic Warden's Point Cottage**



The Lake Leelanau Legacy Circle is a new opportunity for enhanced giving. This group will be comprised of members of our Association who want to stretch beyond basic annual dues. The three levels of Legacy giving are Kayakers \$200-\$249; Runabouts \$250 - \$499; and up Cruisers \$500+. Instead of joining at the basic membership fee of \$45.00, consider joining at this new level.





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Save these Dates

### Volunteers and Old Fishing Tackle Needed

#### **3rd ANNUAL KID'S FISHING DAY**

June 24, 2007 - Veronica Valley

The third annual Kid's Fishing Day will be held this year on Sunday June 24, at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the former Veronica Valley golf course. Sponsoring this year's event are 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. We will again be stocking the pond with hundreds of bluegills and some BIG rainbow trout. In addition, we are hoping to have some nature displays, and possibly some conducted walks around this beautiful property that is soon to become a new Leelanau County Park. As a special treat this year, Rebecca Lessard of Wings of Wonder, who rescues and rehabilitates wild birds, will be and talking about some of her raptors between 1 and 3:00 p.m. Free hot dogs and pop will be furnished to satisfy the inner fisherkid.

Last year over 400 kids and parents attended this fun event and we expect an even bigger turnout this year. We need volunteers to help the kids have a fun time. Volunteers are needed for both our morning shift (10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) or the afternoon shift (1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) We also are taking donations of old fishing tackle (rods with closed face reels are best). If you would like to volunteer to help or if you have tackle to donate, please call Pete Taylor at 256-9856. In any event we hope you will grab the kids, grand kids, or neighbor kids and come on out and join us for a great day of fun.

#### **8th ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC**

August 12, 2007 - Nedows Bay

Lake Leelanau Lake Association invites you to the annual OLD FASHIONED PICNIC on Sunday, August 12 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Nedows Bay, Leland. Brats, pop, ice, and table service will be furnished. You bring a dish to pass, and your own chairs. Bring along your neighbors and friends too. Your Board and picnic committee are collecting lots of door prizes for give-a-ways.

Picnic Committee: Co-Chairs, Russ Flick & Bonnie Gotshall; Committee members: James & Audrey Hands, Layne Flick



### **LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

July 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 11: a.m.

Mueneke Room, Leland

#### **AGENDA**

Call to order , welcome & introductions  
 Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting June 14, 2007  
 Financial Report and Proposed Budget for 2007-2008  
 Introduction and election of officers and board members.  
 All positions are two year terms

#### **officers:**

Vice President - John Fitzpatrick  
 Treasurer - Tom Coulter  
 Secretary - Colleen Moose

#### **township representatives:**

Suttons Bay - Joyce Wayt  
 Centerville - Don Bruckman  
 Elmwood - Bob Miller

#### **committee chairs:**

Communications - Open  
 Update on the Narrows Proposal - Pete Taylor  
 Update on Zoning Changes - John Popa  
 Update on the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association - Hugh Farber  
 Report on Nothern Organization of Lake Association (NOLA) - Bern Weidenaar  
 Committee Reports

### **LEGACY CIRCLE CELEBRATION -**

Saturday, September 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

The first ever Leelanau Legacy Celebration will be held at Rink Wheeler's historic Warden's Point cottage on the North Lake on September 8 at 6:00 p.m. All members of the Lake Association who support our goals at \$100-249 for Kayakers, \$250-499 for Runabouts, or \$500+ for Cruisers will enjoy "lite bites", beer, wine or a cash bar. The celebration will offer an opportunity to honor our Legacy members and thank them for their passion in protecting our lake.

The Warden's Point cottage was built circa 1907 and has five separate buildings, main house, ice house, pump house, and carriage house on three acres with 360 feet of Lake Leelanau frontage. All of the first floor walls and ceilings are paneled with "wild cherry" and maple. The second floor is also wood paneled. Most of the furniture in the cottage is original. It was once considered "catalog furniture" but time has turned it into antiques and collectors' items. The outside stones were gathered from local fields. The cottage faces west for beautiful sunsets and views of Whaleback.

Invitations will be mailed to Legacy Members in August. It's not too late to upgrade your membership and join your friends and neighbors for the lawn party and house tour. contact Mary Taylor (256-9856).



## Lake Leelanau Watershed Management Regulatory Codes

The Lake Leelanau watershed crosses over the political jurisdictions of ten townships, three villages and three counties. Each of these jurisdictions enforces various regulations such as land use, drainage, soil erosion, and building codes. In addition, the State of Michigan and the United States hold authority over the use and treatment of wetlands and shorelines, pesticide application, water quality and air quality.

Americans strongly dislike being told what they can and cannot do with their land. On the other hand, we also believe that we have the right to protect our land, water, and related interests from the folly of our neighbors. Throughout our history, we have fought battles on the field and in the courtroom to determine the limits and extent of the rights of landowners and their use of the land and water.

Land use regulations attempt to balance these rights and protections. Although at first glance they may appear as obstacles to progress – in reality they are formulas for the best way to progress without compromising the quality of life. The regulations evolve and, hopefully, improve as we learn more about planning and the relationship of humans to the natural world.

The array of regulations and overlapping jurisdictions can be quite confusing at first glance and the process of securing permits for a project can be frustrating. Nevertheless, there is method behind the madness. Remember, the types of permits you require depend on the type of project you plan. The agency personnel who process your permits are there to advise you on the safest way to proceed. You may have to consider some alternative ideas so keep an open mind!

Whatever you intend to do, there are a host of sources for advice and information. This issue offers information on where to go for permits and an overview of the Leelanau Conservation District Office. General information on permits is available by calling the Leelanau Conservation District Office at 256-9783.

**\*Taken from the Lake Leelanau Landowner's Handbook, Our Lake, Our Responsibility,**  
by Mark Stone & Mary Taylor

### Leelanau Conservation District Overview

By Judy Egeler, Executive Director

Leelanau Conservation District has been working with landowners since 1943. Started initially to work with farmers wishing to apply various soil and water conservation practices, the District now works more actively with the non-farming community.

The goal of soil and water conservation has not changed, but as farmers became more skilled and as land has become more divided into smaller parcels, the District began to teach these new owners the importance of protecting both surface and groundwater quality from degradation. It also became apparent that residential development, whether large or small, was creating some serious soil erosion problems and destroying far too many woodland acres, and again the District was there to help solve problems and restore natural resources.

Highly trained staff members include two erosion control specialists, a forester, a native plant specialist, and a USDA District Conservationist. Staff members are cross-trained to provide better service to the public.

The Leelanau Conservation District contracts with the county Board of Commissioners to provide some of the services. It operates a small retail store from its office which features local agricultural products, nature books and animal deterrents. Fees are collected for some of the site visits by staff members. Grants from the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture have provided a small operations fund and paid for the staff forester.

As of this writing, the funding from MDA has been eliminated for F.Y. 2008, which begins October 1. The District must try to increase its retail sales, apply additional service fees, and institute a direct mail campaign to make up the \$75,000 shortfall.

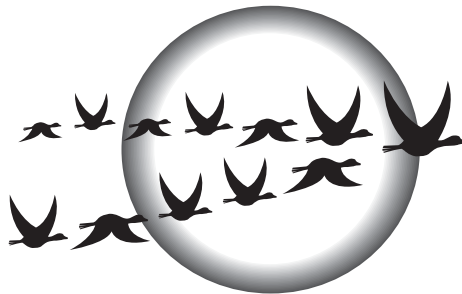
Lake Leelanau Lake Association members could really help just by stopping in to buy some cherry products or books. Request for site visits would be welcomed as well. With the help of the LLLA, the Leelanau Conservation District will continue to help all landowners wisely use and protect the natural resources of Leelanau County.

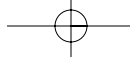


## Lake Leelanau - Where to go for Permits

Activity	Permit Needed	Permitting agency
Build a house, garage, pole barn, or other outbuilding.	Zoning permit, land use permit, and/or a building permit.	Local Zoning Administrator and County Building Code Enforcement.
Install a drinking well.	Drinking well permit.	Environmental Health Department (page 48).
Install a septic system.	Septic system permit, Soil Erosion Control Permit.	Environmental Health Department (page 48). Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Disturb earth within 500 feet of any water body, or any earth disturbance of one acre or more regardless of location.	Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Permit, Part 91 of Act 451.	Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Fill, drain, dredge or build on a wetlands.	Wetland permit, Part 303 of Act 451, Soil Erosion Control Permit.	MDEQ (page 49). Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Dredge, fill, add beach sand, or build a permanent dock, seawall, or wood barrier in a natural or artificial lake, pond, river, or stream, including major drains.	Soil Erosion Control Permit, Part 301 of Act 451 (State Inland Lakes & Streams), Section 10 (Federal Rivers and Harbors Act), and Section 404 (Federal Clean Waters Act) permits.	MDEQ (page 49). U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (313-226-2222). Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Install a temporary dock (summer season).	No permit required.	Local Zoning Administrator.
Build in a high risk erosion area.	State permit, Part 323 of Act 451, Soil Erosion Control Permit.	MDEQ (517-373-1950). Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Build in a critical dune area.	State permit, Part 353 of Act 451, Soil Erosion Control Permit.	MDEQ (517-373-1950). Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Build in a designated flood plain.	Township approval, Soil Erosion Control Permit.	Local Zoning Administrator. Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Construct a new dam, reconstruct a failed dam, repair, enlarge, alter, abandon, or remove an existing dam.	Permit required from MDEQ, Soil Erosion Control Permit.	MDEQ (517-373-0208). Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Alter or occupy the river channel, streambed, or floodplain (all structures, including bridges and culverts are subject).	Floodplain permits required from MDEQ, Soil Erosion Control Permit.	MDEQ (517-373-0208). Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Major Developments	Environmental impact statement. Local governments may request an environmental impact statement on any proposed major action within their jurisdiction that may have a significant impact on the environment or human life. Soil Erosion Control Permit.	Council on Environmental Quality (517-335-8350). Leelanau County Drain Commissioner (616-256-7688). Leelanau Conservation District (page 46).
Discharge wastes into a lake or stream from a small business or treatment plant.	NPDES	MDEQ (page 49).

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## AWARDS & MEMORIALS

We welcome donations in memory of a loved one or special friend.

### Olson Family Fund

An award of \$1000 was received from the Olson Family Fund of the Great Saint Louis Community Foundation based on the recommendation of Bruce & Kim Olson.

### In memory of Ken Shugart

Alpine Bank (Bruce & Jan Shugart),  
 Greg Beaton  
 Milton & Lucy Boesel, Jr.  
 Peter & Donna Burr  
 John & Ann Davey  
 Rex Dobson  
 James & Velma Dorsey  
 Barbara Edwards  
 Cliff & Judy Egeler  
 Joe & Sheryl Elliott  
 Erik & Barbara Foged  
 Dennis & Joy Halverson  
 Robert & Muriel Joldersma  
 Garry & Francine Kieft  
 Russell & Pamela Kirt  
 Arlene Lautner & family  
 John & Susan McGarry  
 Peter Meinig  
 Lynn Messing  
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 Richard & Anne Smalling  
 Ron Smeathers  
 Structural Associates (Bruce & Jan Shugart)  
 Shirley Tremblay  
 John Vickery  
 William Wise  
 Edwin & Janis Wright

### In memory of Charles H. Chandler

Judith Horner  
 Bob Rutter  
 Charles & Joan Chandler  
 Gilette C. Randall  
 Stephen H. Randall

## LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS

Here are the current members of our new Legacy Circle.

### CRUISERS (\$500+ membership)

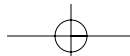
Janet Goettle  
 Susan Nichols

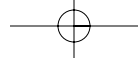
### RUNABOUTS (\$250-\$499 membership)

Royce & Margie Beers  
 John & Cathy Burns  
 David Clark  
 Rich Goshorn & Lori Kidder  
 Dr. Jack & Nancy Gottschalk  
 Robert & Bonny Risbridger  
 Peter & Mary Taylor

### KAYAKERS (\$100-\$240 membership)

Barbara Abbott & Larry Hauser  
 Keith & Sharon Ashley  
 Duane & Susan Berkompas  
 Bob & Nancy Bierley  
 Gil & Anne Bogley  
 Thomas & Jeannie Coulter  
 Jim & Carole Cusick  
 Rick & Kathy Ehrenberger  
 Jack & Irene Fiebing  
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 Betsy Holt, Jr.  
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 William & Lynda Leugers, Jr.  
 Elmer & Anne Lipp  
 Peggy Meeker  
 Charles & Yvonne Passarelli  
 James & Gwen Rich  
 Bernard & Suzne Rink  
 Wendell & Ruth Schaller  
 Jack & Susan Seaman  
 Don & Pat Stogsdill  
 Douglas & Judy VanDyke  
 Dan & Kay White  
 Brian & Linda Williams





## "Friends" of Lake Leelanau

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 William & Ann Avery  
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 James & Carol Bendig  
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 Dan & Nancy Carlson  
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 Terry & Donna Stanton  
 Daniel & Debra Stricof  
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 Peter & Mary Taylor  
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### Three Ways to Get YOUR Lake Leelanau Windsock

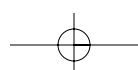
- (1) Become a "Friend of Lake Leelanau" Cost \$18.00
- (2) Upgrade your membership to one of the Legacy Circle memberships, become a "friend," and you will automatically receive a windsock (no charge)
- (3) Be a volunteer for The Lake Association, become a "friend," and receive a windsock at no charge.

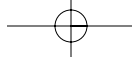
### Join our E-mail List

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](mailto: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.

## The Perks of Membership

Your annual \$45 membership fee supports a variety of programs to preserve and champion our gorgeous lake. Join today to receive a full-year subscription to this newsletter and help sustain our efforts to monitor water quality, work with local governments, and provide up-to-date research on everything from swimmer's itch to boating safety. For an additional \$6, you'll receive a subscription to Riparian Magazine.





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**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

\_\_\_ \$45 Basic membership  
\_\_\_ \$7 Mich. Riparian Subscription

**LEGACY MEMBERSHIPS**

\_\_\_ \$500 Cruisers  
\_\_\_ \$250 Runabouts  
\_\_\_ \$100 Kayakers  
( Watch for special events in 2007 for Legacy Members)

**DONATIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

*Will you donate your time?*

\_\_\_ Yes!! I'm here year 'round  
\_\_\_ yes!! I'm here summer only

(See below for volunteer areas)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- |                              |                             |                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| ___ Fish Committee           | ___ Township Representative | ___ Annual Picnic |
| ___ Communications Committee | ___ Water Quality Committee | ___ Legacy Events |
| ___ Safety/Boating Committee | ___ Parade Float            |                   |

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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