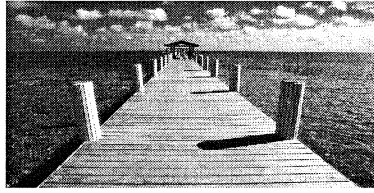


# Crockery Lake Association Newsletter

APRIL 2010



**'2010'**

## **CALL FOR CLA DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS**

Volunteers are needed and welcomed! Another year has passed and a new CLA Board will be elected and installed May 2010. Fresh troops are needed and it is critical that Crockery Lake residents accept the call to serve. NEW volunteers are a vital part of any non-profit organization and CLA is no exception. Without new volunteers stepping forward in the next 1 to 5 years, Crockery Lake may no longer have a board of directors. Have you ever wondered what would happen if the CLA Board would fail to exist? First, who would manage the weed, algae and chemical treatments of Crockery Lake? Who would take a closer look at resident's frontage to see who needed extra (or less) weed application? Next, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks would be a thing of the past, then the lake newsletters would stop, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade would no longer exist, boat safety & water education would disappear, and something most of us take for granted would disappear and that would be your CLA Representative. When you have a personal issue, concern and or complaint to who would you direct it? Now is the time to stand up and be counted, take a turn at volunteering and help keep our CLA Board strong, vibrant and productive for many years to come. **Please contact CLA President Pat Wolters with your NOMINATION REQUEST and say YES to serving on the CLA Board of Directors. Board nominations should be communicated to Ms. Wolters no later than Friday, April 23, 2010.**

**'2010' FIREWORKS**

## **REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENT**

CLA Treasurer Ms. Karen Peltier reports that we have met our \$3,000 dollar minimum threshold for '2010' and can now proceed in securing/scheduling our fireworks display once again this year. According to our fireworks company, due to our "small size" of show, they cannot provide fireworks on the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday but will be happy to schedule our display for **Saturday, July 3, 2010**. You can now start making family plans for this great evening of fun and fireworks! The CLA Board would like to thank all those who made a monetary contribution towards this cause over the last 12 months. This has been a long standing Crockery Lake tradition; let's hope we can continue to sponsor this event in the years ahead.

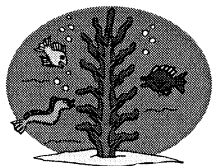
## **'2010' DOCK INSTALL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Are you tired of winter and getting all excited about spring and summer? Well the word on the street (or maybe the lake) is that your Crockery Lake Association is looking ahead to May 2010 for **DOCK and SHORE STATION INSTALL**. According to Mr. Mike Mlarnik the scheduled date for the "ONE-DAY" install will be SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010. In case the 15<sup>th</sup> is a bad day then back up dates for install will be May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for this annual CLA event. Please contact Mike Mlarnik at 616.866.1700 and let him know if you can help OR you would like to be added to the list of those interested in obtaining '2010' install assistance. **Did you know that it's cheaper to have your dock and or shore station installed as a CROCKERY LAKE MEMBER?** Prices for '2010' install (members and non-members) will be posted in the CLA Newsletter for May 1, 2010. If you're currently NOT a CLA Member and feel it's time to join please contact your CLA Representative as outlined towards the end of this spring newsletter. Age 65 and older is only \$15.00 per year, under 65 is only \$25.00, what a bargain for all the benefits you enjoy (including cheaper dock install/removal and newsletter advertisements). '2010-2011' current CLA Membership Dues "MUST" be paid in order to receive the relevant member discount for CLA dock/shore station install.

## HELP CLA REPORT THE NEWS OF CROCKERY LAKE COMMUNITY



We would like to acknowledge special events, family competition and rewards, and other special recognition that may be part of your family's daily life. If you would like to have something printed in the CLA Newsletter feel free to contact your CLA Representative or Pat Wolters, CLA Board President, at 616-887-8707 and we'll get you and yours published!



### LAWN FERTILIZER BAN: A WORD TO THE WISE

Several years ago Chester Township approved a total ban on all fertilizer (lawn and garden) on all property (this includes: gardens, flower beds, landscaping, etc.) within 300 feet of the lake. Violators are subject to a \$500 fine. A copy of the ordinance can be found on our website: <http://mlswa.org/crockery-lake-405/> or the township website. You can also receive a copy from the township offices.

**THE REASON FOR OUR FERTILIZER BAN IS TO HELP CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT OF PHOSPHORUS AND NITROGEN THAT ENDS UP IN OUR CROCKERY LAKE. DID YOU KNOW THAT UP TO 80% OF FERTILIZER USED ON A PROPERTY PARCEL ENDS UP IN THE LAKE?**

Do you also wonder to yourself, "My goodness, where do all these weeds and algae come from?" BINGO! Now you know. Excessive weeds and algae bloom can be hazardous to your health. Please take note.



### OTTAWA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**Marine Patrol:** Sgt. Keith Koeman is the head of the Ottawa County Marine Patrol Division. According to past discussions between the CLA Board and Sgt. Koeman, we were told that we will have a Sheriff's Boat on the water this summer until after the FIREWORKS DISPLAY, Saturday July 3, 2010. Also, their plans are to be on our lake Friday, Saturday or Sunday throughout the summer season. Should you need to reach him for any reason please call 616.738.4000, and use their automated menu to locate: Marine Patrol Division.

**Boat Landing Tickets:** The Sheriff's Department has started issuing tickets to those who violate the parking rules at the boat launch. East side of Landing: 15 minute parking for launching/taking the boat out of the water. West side of Landing Parallel Parking Permitted.

**Roadside Parking:** If there's a problem, call Deputy Sykes. He can be reached by Voice Mail Message at 616.738.4000, Ext. 1615. If it's an emergency he advised the CLA Board to have residents call 911. Remember: sixty-six feet is the total amount allocated to the road. Thirty-three feet from the centerline of the road on each side. This will involve not only gravel next to the pavement but also lawns next to the road. In addition, all four tires must be off the paved portion of the road.

**Dog Control:** We all love our pets, but we need to remember that prolonged barking can be a nuisance to your neighbor and that they need to be on a leash.

**Home Vacancies:** If you are going to be away for a period of time, you may want to fill out a form that is available at the Chester Township Office or on the Chester Township Website. Go to: [chester.twp@gte.net](mailto:chester.twp@gte.net) where you can fill out the necessary form(s) and fax it to the Township at 616.899-2937. The Sheriff's Department will inspect your home free of charge while you are away and send you a report of their findings when you return.

**Speed Limits:** The Ottawa County Road Commission has stated in writing that the speed limit on Van Dyke Road and Crockery Shores is 25 MPH.

**Emergencies 911 – Non emergency "Dispatch" Number 1-800-249-0911**

[www.miottawa.org](http://www.miottawa.org)



### SEPTIC PUMPING REMINDER

Now is the **BEST** time to pump your tanks. Before the hectic days of summer hit your household why not make your septic tank a **HIGH** priority this spring? Pumping your septic clean is one of the best things you can do to prevent further contamination of Crockery Lake. Septic systems are very expensive to replace, but relatively inexpensive to maintain. If you pump your tank(s) every two years, your septic system should last at least twenty years. Because we live on shoreline property (that includes you folks across the street from the lake) maintaining your septic system requires more care and work than maintaining similar systems located in other places. That's because soil and water conditions near the shoreline may make the system less efficient in treating waste, which could, in turn cause harmful pollutants to get into our lake.

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Kerkstra's Septic Tank Cleaning, Inc.: 616.662.2322, or Toll Free: 888.320.9992.

2010 Septic Pumping Prices:

2 or More Residential Homes Pumped at The Same Time:

1 tank exposed = \$155; 2 tanks exposed = \$260

1 tank we dig = \$185; 2 tanks we dig = \$325

1 Residential Home Pumped Per Visit:

1 tank exposed = \$195; 2 tanks exposed = \$285

1 tank we dig = \$235; 2 tanks we dig = \$365

These are current prices, effective April 1, 2010. Kerkstra may need to increase these prices later in the year based upon present day fuel costs. These prices are subject to change without notice.

***NOW IS THE TIME, PRICES COULD GO HIGHER IN THE FUTURE!***

**KID JOKES.....**

**How did the telephones get married ?**

In a double ring ceremony!

**Why did the child study in the aeroplane?**

He wanted a higher education!

**Why was the broom late?**

It over swept!

**Do you know the time?**

No, we haven't met yet!

**What kind of hair do oceans have?**

Wavy!

**What runs but never walks?**

Water!

**How do you make milk shake?**

Give it a good scare!

**What's red and flies and wobbles at the same time?**

A jelly copter!

**Waiter, this soup tastes funny?**

Then why aren't you laughing!

**Why did the clock get sick?**

It was run down

**HERE IS YOUR APRIL '2010' CROCKERY LAKE REPRESENTATIVES:**



**PAT WOLTERS, CLA PRESIDENT, 616.887.8707:** Douma, Lamrock, DeWitt, Elliot, Lamrock, Womba, Mills, Pawloski, Rogers, Norton, Menn, Kaufield, Strayer, Schmuker, Barrs, Jachim, Lane and Rexford

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**KAREN PELTIER, CLA TREASURER, 616.899.2970:** Van Dyke, Kellogg, Prorok, Broucek, Allen, Hubert, Barbour, Dalman, Phelps, Rooks, Streams, Scott, Hartuniewicz, Kaywood, Lenar, Thornton and Vogel

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**MIKE MLARNIK, CLA DIRECTOR, 616.890.5530:** Kober, VanderWerff, Van Laan, Gordon, Nowak, Blauwkamp, Joiner, Nitz, Wolters, Jones, Hanna, Young, Strayer and Strayer

**BILL TIDEY, CLA DIRECTOR, 616.292.3904:** Truskowski, Sims, Kurlenda, Pike, McCurty, Prus, Rollenhagen, Makowski, Horton, Kopenski, Locke, Osmer, Marks, Schmidt, Swidwinski, Tidey, Stebbens and Wingard

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**Call Scott Gordon with P2 Painters at 616-520-1701  
2360 Crockery Shores Rd.  
(Licensed with 25 years of experience)  
Pressure washing and interior and exterior painting**

## **GROSE PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS**

**Forest Shelter is a covered area and seats 90 people  
Dates Available for Reservations are - May 20 - Oct. 17  
Available Reservation times are Monday - Thursday from 5:00pm - 9:30pm  
Friday-Sunday & Holidays from 9:00am - 9:30pm  
cost is \$50.00 for county resident  
Cost for non-county resident is \$80.00**

**Lake Shelter is a covered area and seats 50 people  
Dates Available for Reservations are May 20 - Oct. 17  
Available Reservation Times are Monday - Thursday from 5:00am - 9:30pm  
Friday - Sunday & Holidays from 9:00am - 9:30pm  
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