

# CROCKERY LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

April 2007

## DATE CHANGED FOR ANNUAL MEETING

**CROCKERY LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING:**  
**APRIL 30, 2007, 7:00 P.M. CHESTER TOWNSHIP HALL**

**SPEAKER** - Mike Milnarik, a Crockery Lake resident who just happens to own a landscape design company, will be making a short presentation on lakeside landscaping and native plants (how to plant them and where to get them). He will offer ideas on how we can improve the looks of our waterfront property in a variety of ways. He has lots of photographs from lake-lots he has landscaped. Residents are encouraged to bring a photograph of an area they are interested in improving---Mike will give you ideas on how to do it.

**FOOD** - Desserts and beverages will be served.

**PRIZES** - There will be drawings for 2 life jackets, 1 pair of ski gloves, 1 ski rope with handle and 1 pair of sandals.

**FUN!! 3 OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:** Tim VanLaan, Chuck Lane, and Steve Bykerk's terms as Board Members expire this year. We need to fill 3 Board positions. This is your opportunity to learn more about our lake and its residents.

Anyone interested in filing a nomination request for one of the 3 open positions may do any time prior to the start of the Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the annual meeting. Voting will take place at the annual meeting.

## **LAKE-WIDE GARAGE SALE A "GO" FOR MAY 3, 4 & 5**

Even though we didn't get the requisite 20 residents to sign up for the garage sale, we did get 10 and have decided to go ahead with the sale. We are hoping more of you will change your minds and take advantage of this opportunity. There is no deadline to sign up and you don't even need to notify us that you will be participating. CLA will be placing an ad in the Advance and putting up signs at the cross corners advertising the sale. Do some spring cleaning and make some money too.

## **2007 FIREWORKS**

The fireworks will be shot off on the Fourth of July (it falls on a Wednesday this year).  
Rain Date: September 2, 2007. Watch for more details in later newsletters.

## **DOCK PUT-IN**

Tim Van Laan and Steve Bykerk have offered to repeat the dock put-in offer. The rules

are the same as last year:

Date: May 19, 2007 (rain date to be determined)

- There must be at least 5 residents who want to participate;
- If possible, having 1-2 residents help with the job would be appreciated;
- You, the resident, must be present when the dock and/or shore-stations are put in.

Cost: CLA Member:           \$25 for dock; \$25 for shore-station  
      Nonmember:           \$35 for dock; \$35 for shore-station

Call Tim Van Laan (887-1368) to sign up. Monies collected go towards 2008 Fireworks.

### **MEETING WITH OTTAWA COUNTY SHERIFF**

Each year CLA Board members meet with the Ottawa County Sheriff to discuss marine patrol and safety issues for our lake. Do you have any questions you would like a Board member to ask? If so, please contact any Board member with your question. The questions & answers will be published in the newsletter.

### **SEPTIC PUMPING REMINDER**

Spring is the BEST time to pump your tanks. Spring is coming and one of the most important things you can do to prevent further contamination of our lake is to have your septic system pumped. 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.

**Group Pumping Opportunity: Randy at Kirkstra's 457-9310  
(prices based on 5 homes per trip):**

<b>Open/Single</b>	<b>Open/Double</b>	<b>Covered/Single</b>	<b>Covered/Double</b>
<b>\$145.00</b>	<b>\$235.00</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>

### **TWO WILDFLOWER WALKS AT GROSE PARK**

Wednesday, May 2 and Sunday, May 6 at Grose Park at 2p.m.  
Join Karin for a walk to see the great diversity of wildflowers along the trails. Meet at the Forest Picnic Shelter.

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:** Study Reveals Water Clarity Is Most Important Factor In Determining Lakeshore Property Values. A study done on 1,205 properties sold in a 37-lake region concluded that improving water clarity significantly increases lakeshore property values. A drop in water clarity had a corresponding negative effect. [Vince Meyer, Outdoors Editor, Weeders Digest, 2004.]

**PARKING ON VANDYKE AND CROCKERY SHORES ROAD**

Ottawa County Sheriff's Department will ticket cars that do not have all four tires off the paved portion of the above roads.

**LOADING, UNLOADING, PARKING AT THE LANDING**

Ottawa County Sheriff's Department has posted signs stating:  
East Side of Landing: 15 minute parking for loading/unloading of boats.  
West Side of Landing: Parallel Parking permitted.

**SPEED LIMITS**

Per Ottawa County Road Commission: It is the opinion of the Ottawa County Road Commission that both VanDyke Street and Crockery Shores Road would be considered to have 25 mph *prima facie* speed limits.

**REMEMBER THE BAN ON USE OF FERTILIZER**

Several years ago Chester Township approved the fertilizer ban on all property within 300 feet of the lake. Violators are subject to a \$500 fine. If you want a copy of the ordinance or have questions, please call the Zoning Administrator at Chester Township 899-5544. A copy of the ordinance can also be found on our website: <http://mlswa.org/crockery-lake-405/>. Now Muskegon County has a total fertilizer ban

**GREEN CORNER**

American gardeners and homeowners have a growing chemical addiction. In our pursuit of the perfect lawn, we homeowners are using unprecedented volumes of herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers and that herbicide-fertilizer cocktail, 'weed and feed'. The numbers are dramatic: 78 million US households use pesticides in some form. It's getting worse: between 1995 and 2001, total pesticide use in US homes and gardens increased 27% (from 128 to 163 million pounds of active chemical ingredients a year (source: US EPA). Next time you see a perfect, lush, carpet-like lawn, know that behind it there is tremendous cost to both the homeowner and our environment. Some pesticides kill earthworms and beneficial insects and microbes that build healthy soil. They can pose a risk to pets and people, especially kids playing in the yard. There is a link between pesticide exposure and health problems, including reproductive and neurological damage, and children are more sensitive. Long-term human health effects from continuous low-level chemical pesticide exposure, while a subject of ongoing debate among scientists and policy makers, suggests they pose a needless risk when safe and effective alternatives exist. Lawn-care practices affect water quality in our lakes, streams and eventually the ocean. Besides, contrary to what we think when we buy them, chemical fertilizers and pesticides offer little or no benefit to turf. By applying horticultural knowledge instead of pesticides and fertilizers, greenscaping can create turf and gardens that are safe and attractive.

So keep your thumb **GREEN**, and consider these helpful tips as you gear up for the growing season: **Fertilizers:** More is not better\_ Over-fertilization makes your lawn susceptible to drought, insect and disease problems, and rain can wash lawn and garden chemicals into streams, lakes, and the ocean. This is pollution. Fertilizer runoff from lawns. even organic, contributes to the growth of algae in our lakes and streams and it affects the health of fish and other aquatic life. **Weed and Feed** is the bane of suburban yards because it contains both herbicides and chemical fertilizers. They are both wasteful and a pollution problem, because they are applied over the entire lawn, where spot treatment would do better. Professional landscapers don't like weed and feed products because they waste money by using chemicals where they aren't needed. **Air pollution\_** A power mower pollutes as much in one hour as an automobile driving 350 miles. The average American spends 40 hours every year mowing their lawn. Think of it this way: one power mower = 40 cars. Reduce your lawn to the size you really need. **Express Yourself.** A yard full of rich, diverse vegetation is a unique, creative expression of your character--always in good taste.

### **ADVERTISEMENTS AND ITEMS FOR SALE**

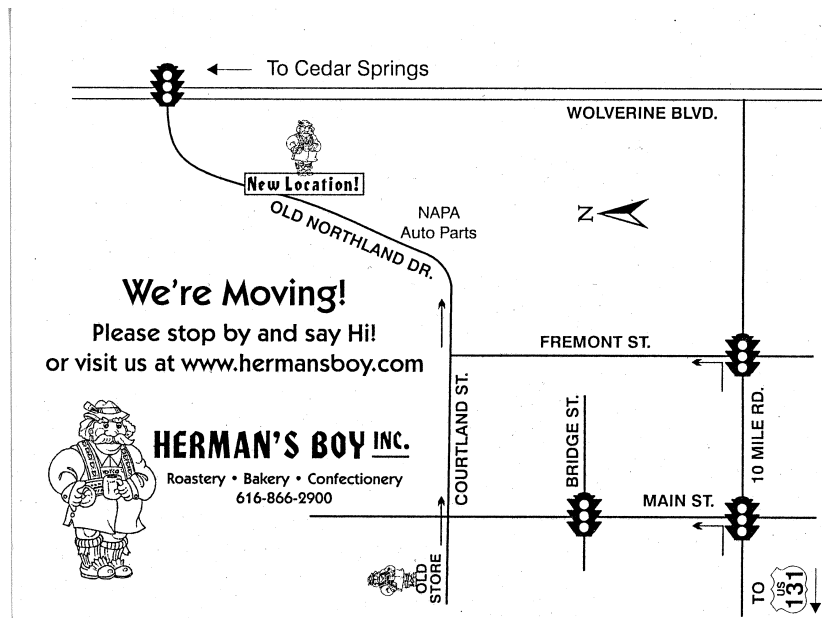
**Mary Kay Skin Care & Cosmetics** - Free facials. Skin care for all skin types, Glamour & Color Cosmetics; Sun Essentials with SPF25 and above; moisturizers with SPF 15 too. Call her for more information or to set up a consultation. Amy Glass, Independent Beauty Consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, 2440 Vandyke (616) 899-2636 or 616-240-0982; [www.marykay.com/aglass3004](http://www.marykay.com/aglass3004); e-mail: [aglass3004@marykay.com](mailto:aglass3004@marykay.com)

**FOR SALE:** 14-foot Crestline aluminum row boat with 2000 15 hp Evinrude, 4 stroke engine, tiller control (extremely low hours), two pedestal seats. \$900 obo. Chuck Lane 452-8627 (days) 887-1562 (nites)

FOR SALE: Wolverine Wage Maker boat, motor and trailer. Navigated by steering wheel, hand throttle levers and overhauled 10 h.p. Evinrude Engine. Asking \$600 or best offer. Thornton's at 899-2255.

FOR SALE: 1986 25' MacGregor Sail Boat, motor and Trailer. Retractable keel for easy trailering. Sails in very good condition, sleeps 5, kitchen, toilet and Evinrude 9.9 h.p. Many extras must see to appreciate. Asking \$6,000 or best offer. Thornton's at 899-2255

FOR SALE: RCA 52" TV For Sale: Great TV for the Sports Enthusiast! Call Thornton's at 899-2255 after 6pm evenings. Asking price is \$500.00 or best offer.



## WHO IS YOUR BOARD REPRESENTATIVE?

Pat Wolters: 887-8707

Langeland, De Jonge, Van Tuinen, DeGlopper, C., Van Maldegan, Dodde (2), McClure, Lowell, Finkler, King, Wheaton, Irey, Humphrey.

Kathryn Griep: 899-2228 Bykerk, Mead, VanDyke, Van Heukelom, Elenbaas, Bennett, Amlyda, Abbott, Erwin, Holton, Roberts (2), VanKempen, DeGlopper, K., Dutkiewicz.

Hope De Jonge: 899-2228

DeJonge/Griep, Dykstra, Keena, VanMaldegan & Brummel, Shuker, Ching, Glass, Gustin, Drost, Wert, Nusbaum, Yonker, Zimmerman.

Diane Thornton: 899-2255

VanDyke, Kellogg, Prorok, Broucek, Allen, Baebour, Klein, Barbour/Phelps, Gahman, Rooks, Stream (2), Scott, Hartuniewicz, Arnold, Kaywood, Vogel, Lenar, Thornton.

Steve Bykerk: 677-1962

Mlnarik, Merdzinski, Fuhst, Vogel (2), Averill, Peltier, Bostain, Barritt, Craft, Sanderson, Craft, Hyde, Muske, Berenbrock, DeWeerd, Robbins, Glovick, Holtvluwer.

Tim Van Laan: 887-1368

Kober, VanderWerff, VanLaan, Gordon, Blauwkamp, Joiner, Boersma, Nowak, Wolters, Jones, Hanna, Young, Monsma, Strayer, Nitz, Schoenborn.

Chuck Lane: 887-1562

Douma, Elliott, Lamrock, DeWitt, Wobma, Mills, Pawlowski, Rogers, Norton, Menn, Kaufield, Strayer, Schmuker, Barrs, Lane, Rexford.

Linda Lane: 887-1562

Pike, Kurlenda, Prus, Makowski, Stoner, Kopenski, Wingard, Stebbins, Tidey, Swidwinski, Schmidt, Truskowski, Simms, McCurty, Jachim, Gitchel, Rollenhagen, Horton, Locke, Osmer (2), Dodde.