

**Crockery Lake Assn. Newsletter**  
**July, 2007**

<http://mlswa.org/crockery-lake-405/>

**CROCKERY LAKE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON JULY 4, 2007:**

**7:00 p.m. Boat Parade**

ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BOAT PARADE EVEN THOSE WHO DO NOT WISH TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZES!!

Rules for Boats Entering the Boat Parade:

- (1) Obtain a boat number from Pat Wolters *prior* to 7:00 p.m.
- (2) The numbers are to be displayed on the right side of the boat.
- (3) The boats are to circle the lake *twice*.
- (4) Join in the parade at Wolters house.
- (5) There will be 5 sets of judges located strategically around the lake--DeJonge/Griep; Lane; Thornton; Wolters; Mlnarik. They will have a "Judge" sign displayed on the shoreline at their homes.
- (6) \$100 for 1st prize; \$75 for 2nd prize; \$25 for 3rd prize.
- (7) The Judges will call their top 3 winners in to Pat Wolters immediately after the parade is finished.
- (8) Winners will be notified prior to the fireworks and will be able to pick up their check from Pat Wolters *that night*.

**9:45 p.m. Ring of Fire**

This is a magical sight! All residents are encouraged to participate to create an unbroken ring of candles on the shoreline. Suggested placement is every 10 feet on your shoreline. Place the candles in empty milk jugs with a little sand in the bottom. Your Board Representative will be visiting you to collect 2007 fireworks donations and dues and will have candles available. For every \$5 you donate to the 2008 fireworks, you get 1 free candle. Otherwise, candles are \$1.00 each.

**Dusk or 10:00 p.m. - Whichever comes First: Fireworks**

Fireworks will be shot from Gunkel's Farm on the west end of the lake. Residents may view the fireworks from their boats but will be limited on how close they can be to the shoot-off area. Please be sure to turn on your navigational lights. Rain date: September 2

<b>EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO ASK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK</b>
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Pat Wolters met with the Ottawa County Sheriff and passes along the following information:

--**New Officer.** We have a new officer assigned to Chester Township--Deputy Stykes. He is also responsible for 3 other townships.

--**Boat Landing Tickets.** The Sheriff's Department has started issuing tickets to those to violate the parking rules at the boat launch.

--**Boating Safety/Violation Issues**--You can call 9-1-1 and ask for Nonemergency to report the problem. You should have an MC number and a description of the type/make of the boat. A picture of the boat which identifies the driver as well as the MC number is also suggested. Sometimes the person driving the boat is not the owner of the boat. Tickets are issued to whoever is driving the boat. If you wish to press charges, you will be required to attend a court hearing. Under law, if a person is convicted of drunk driving while driving a boat or a car, they can lose both their boating license and their car license!

--**Fourth of July Marine Patrol**--the marine patrol will be present on the 4th of July.

--**Other Marine Patrol**--scheduled for approximately every two weeks on our lake.

--**Alternative Way To Handle Boating Violators**--you may call the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department and request that an officer (not necessarily a marine patrol officer) come to your house and you can give him a ride in your boat to confront the problem boater.

--**Side-Of-Road Parking**--all four tires must be off the paved portion of the road.

--**Dog Barking**--Owners of dogs please be aware that prolonged barking is not only a nuisance but a real irritation to your neighbors and others around the lake. We have been advised that the barking sound carries over to the opposite side of the lake, so even more neighbors are irritated. Neighbors who are annoyed with the barking have the option of contacting the Ottawa County Sheriff and ask for non-emergency assistance. Callers may request a police officer respond in person regarding the complaint.

--**Home Vacancies**--if you are going to be away for a period of time (minimum 3-4 days) you may want to fill out a form that is available at the Township Offices on 32nd Ave or on the Township website at [chester.twp@gte.net](mailto:chester.twp@gte.net). You can fill it out and even fax it into the Township at 899-2937. The Sheriff's Dept. will inspect your home free of charge while you are away, and send you a report of their findings when you return.

## VOLUNTEER LAKE RESIDENTS EARN \$\$ FOR 2008 FIREWORKS

Tim VanLaan headed up a crew of eleven volunteers who put in docks and shorestations around the lake in mid-May. The proceeds from the work will be included in the 2008 Fireworks Fund. Participants were: Tim Van Laan, Chuck Lane, Mario VanDyke, Tom Kellogg, Scott Gordon, Cody Gordon, Chris Stebbins, Steve Bykerk, Austin Bykerk, Mike Klein, and Dan. Those residents who had the installations received a heck of a deal--Grand Valley Marine charges \$250 for this service. We are fortunate

Tim and his crew will do this work--they only ask that (1) residents plan on being home for the entire day of the put-in; and (2) be patient--they will get to you!!

### **2008 FIREWORKS UPDATE**

So far this year we have raised about \$480 towards the 2008 fireworks. We have not been informed there will be an increase in the amount of the minimum show for next year. Hopefully that will not occur. We know we will be required to raise a minimum of \$3,000 for fireworks, or we will not have a show. Last year so many of you donated generously to the fireworks, we are hopeful you will find you received your "money's worth" this year and will again make a donation!

### **FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO FILL CLA BOARD POSITION**

Residents have until JULY 15 to advise Pat Wolters (866-8707) if they are interested in filling the one vacant Board position. This is a three-year term.

### **MAINTENANCE OF BOAT LANDING**

Several residents have questioned the condition of the boat landing. Here is how it works: The Fire Department decides when maintenance is required. Then report this to the Township who in turn contacts the Road Commission. The Road Commission does the work.

### **WEED TREATMENT INFORMATION**

A weed treatment took place the week of June 4. Curly leaf pondweed and milfoil were treated. Chemicals were used to treat only 5 acres of the lake. The amount of milfoil has decreased substantially from last year. CLA will monitor its growth this season and possibly make treatment adjustments for next year (keep your fingers crossed!)

Second Treatment--Weed & Algae (optional)--Week of July 9

Third Treatment--Weed & Algae (optional)--Week of August 13, 2007

There will be a free fall weed survey conducted by Professional Lake Management.

Water Clarity - May 2007. Pat Wolters is doing all the lake testing this year (and she did it last year). She is also preparing a list of all types of weeds in our lake and their location. Both of these jobs are very time-consuming and very important. Thank you Pat for your dedication!

Water clarity is only 4 1/2 feet.

**ALGAE WARNING!!** Because Crockery Lake has a very high phosphorus level, we are very prone to algae blooms. The blooms are likely to occur when the temperature is high--(pretty much the same time you really want to go swimming or boating). **If you**

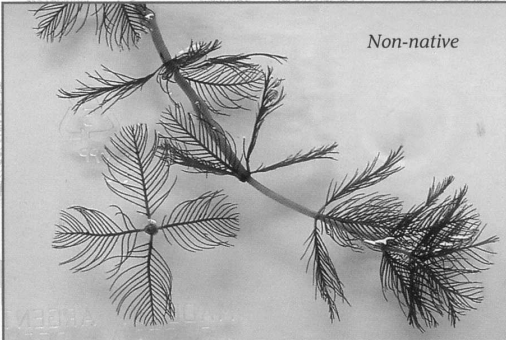
**see a green, blue-green, or white substance which looks like paint on the lake, it is advised that you stay out of the lake because of possible health problems.**

The algae bloom may not cover the entire lake. If you spot an algae bloom, please call the Chester Township Zoning Administrator at 899-5544, or see the CLA website for details. The blooms die within several weeks, but if the CLA Board feels it is warranted, a chemical treatment will be applied by our weed treatment provider. Do not attempt to correct the situation yourself by throwing chemicals into the lake.

Animals are also adversely affected by algae blooms. They can get sick from drinking the water or from licking it off their fur. If your animal goes in the lake during an algae bloom, wash him/her off immediately.

The reason for our fertilizer ban is to help cut down on the amount of phosphorus that ends up in the lake. Fertilizers contain phosphorus (the middle number on the bag). **80% of fertilizer applied ends up in the lake.** The phosphorus in the fertilizer increases the amount of algae in the lake. The increased algae turns into algae blooms.

**Eurasian Water-Milfoil** (Myriophyllum spicatum) ☹️



*Non-native*

Highly invasive plant, able to form dense mats near the surface that entangle motor boat propellers and interfere with swimming. Spread by watercraft and trailers.

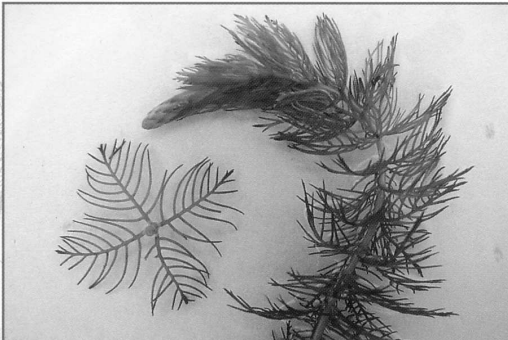
- Delicate feather-like leaves. Leaflets are mostly the same length.
- Leaves are usually limp when out of water.
- Leaves arranged in whorls (circles) of 3 to 5 around stem.
- Usually 12 to 21 leaflet pairs per leaf.
- Long spaghetti-like stems.

*If you suspect a new infestation, report it to your local DNR service center.*

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**Not Native to Michigan  
(DO NOT CUT THIS!)**

**Northern Water-Milfoil** (Myriophyllum sibiricum) 😊



One of the seven native milfoils found in Wisconsin. A valuable plant that offers shade, shelter and foraging opportunities for fish.

- Rigid feather-like leaves forming a Christmas tree shape. The lower leaflets are usually quite long.
- Leaves usually stiff when out of water.
- Leaves arranged in whorls (circles) of 4 to 6 around stem.
- Usually 7 to 10 leaflet pairs per leaf.
- Stem is usually whitish or whitish green in color.

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STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!  
Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
www.recreation.gov

**Native to Michigan**

**The Correct Amount of Fertilizer To Use: NONE!!!**

## **AROUND THE LAKE**

Congratulations to Chris & Kim Stebbins on the arrival of their new baby girl!

Congratulations to Bill & Nichole Marks on the arrival of their new baby boy--William Marks, III.

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN PROGRESS**

Dues will remain "unchanged" for 2007-2008 and the following fee schedules will be observed:

Senior's rate (65 and older)	\$15.00
Under 65	\$25.00

Please welcome with open arms your Board rep when they visit you!

## **2007 CLA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

July 16--Grief/De Jonge (2519 Van Dyke); August 20--Grose Park; September 17--Mlnarik (2221 Van Dyke).

All meetings are open to the public--whether or not you are a member--we welcome your attendance! Please let Pat Wolters know (887-8707) if you are planning on attending. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are held at Board members' homes. If a large number of nonboard members plan on attending, please let us know ahead of time so we can make seating arrangements. Contact any Board member to find out where a particular meeting will take place.

## **2007 CLA BOARD POSITIONS ANNOUNCED**

President: Pat Wolters; Vice-President: Hope De Jonge; Secretary: Linda Lane; Treasurer: John Thornton

## **BOATING RULES**

You can find all boating rules at the following web site: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

## **WEB PAGE INFO**

The website now includes: all newsletters since January 1999; ordinances affecting lake residents; pictures taken by Diane Thornton of the lake; annual meeting minutes, a link to the history of the lake, and numerous other links. If you have lake-related photos or information you want to share, please get it to Chuck Lane, [clane@vdiw.net](mailto:clane@vdiw.net) or 887-1562.

## 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, Irely, Humphrey.

Kathryn Griep: 899-2228 Bykerk, Mead, VanDyke, Van Heukelom, Elenbaas, Bennett, Almyda, 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, Weller, Thornton.

John Thornton: 899-2255

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

Mike Mlnarik: 866-1700

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

Linda 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.