



## WATCH FOR THE 2006 BIG SHOTS!!

For the first time *ever*, we will have over half a dozen 6" shots and an additional 25 5" shots. The grand finale is twice as big! Thanks to everyone who made a fireworks donation and helped make this year's fireworks the BEST!!

### CROCKERY LAKE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON JULY 4, 2006:

#### 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 are 5 sets of judges: Thorntons; Griep/De Jonge; Wolters; VanLaan/VanderWerff; and Bykerk. 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 2007 fireworks, you get 1 free candle. Otherwise, candles are \$1.00 each.

#### 10:00 p.m. 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: Labor Day

## 2007 FIREWORKS UPDATE

Due to increasing costs, we will be required to raise a minimum of \$3,000 for fireworks, or we will not have a show. Wolverine (the company who puts on our show) has informed us that this is the last year they will shoot fireworks for less than \$3,000. Next year, if we cannot collect \$3,000, we will need to find another company. There are only a few companies in this business in our area. Even fewer have the safety record of Wolverine. A small show takes a back seat to big shows. It is very possible we may not be able to find a company to do our show for less than \$3,000. Lake residents: Please increase your donation this year so we can continue this great Crockery Lake tradition!! We hope after you see this year's show you will want to increase your donation.

### **PARKING ON VANDYKE AND CROCKERY SHORES ROAD**

Ottawa County Sheriff's Department has begun ticketing 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.

## WEED INFORMATION

### **Lake Weed Information:**

As of the printing of this newsletter, there is still algae floating on top of weeds, which are on the surface of the lake. If CLA feels there is a significant algae problem, an algae treatment may be required the week of July 10. It depends on weather and water conditions. Professional Lake Management has tentatively scheduled treatment of Crockery Lake during the weeks listed below. Please remember that these dates are subject to change due to weather and DEQ permitting factors.

SECOND TREATMENT-WEED & ALGAE (optional)	Week of 7/10/06
THIRD TREATMENT - WEED & ALGAE (optional)	Week of 8/21/06
FALL SURVEY (free of charge)	Week of 8/21/06

*At the time of application and for the next 24 hours, no one is permitted to use the lake. See Chemical Application Ordinance on our web page.*

In the Notice of Weed Treatment, 2 chemicals were used--their names & purposes are:

Adjuvant opens the pores and helps the chemical adhere to the plants.

Triclopyr is a herbicide, which is used to eradicate Milfoil. It is the active ingredient of Renovate.

*Lake Weed Growth in July:* The milfoil is dead and floating to shore. Per PLM, it takes about three weeks for the milfoil to die and float in. Pull all of it out of the lake. If you don't, it will sink to the bottom and create muck. The native weeds have started growing. You may wish to pull these weeds in your swimming area to keep it clean. Stringy algae is collecting on weeds at the bottom of the lake. The chemicals used in the lake do not kill the native weeds, only the milfoil. You may wish to use discretion in how many native weeds you wish to pull as they help filter the water and sediment.

There have been many articles recently in The Muskegon Chronicle regarding the harmful effects of algae in lakes. In fact, they just adopted a county-wide ban on fertilizer containing phosphorous. 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 risks.**

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.

*Food for Thought: Pulling slimy, stinky weeds and algae out of the lake is disgusting work. If we put a sewer system in, the algae and weeds would be minimized--if you don't believe me, take a trip to Camp Lake in Sparta--that could be us!!! They had our exact condition several years ago; they put in a sewer system and within 2 years the lake cleared up. Our lake will continue to generate more weeds and more algae. It will cost us more to control them by the use of chemicals. Sewer is the BEST answer.*

**GARAGE SALE!!** ELLIOTTS--2532 Crockery Shores Road  
Monday, July 3 from 9 - 7.

**FOR SALE: 2000 15 hp Evinrude, 4 stroke, tiller control, extremely low hours, \$1,650. Chuck Lane (day) 452-8627; (nite) 887-1562**

**FOR SALE: 14-foot Crestline aluminum row boat. good condition. \$400 or best offer. Chuck Lane (day) 452-8627; (nite) 887-1562.**

***Around the Lake.....***

Get Well Wishes to John Thornton, DiAnn Van Dyke, and Elaine Dodde.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN PROGRESS**

Dues will remain "unchanged" for 2006-2007 and the following fee schedules will be observed:

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

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

**2006 CLA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

July 17-Bykerk (2681 VanDyke), August 21-DeJonge/Griep (2519 VanDyke), September 18-Thornton (2233 VanDyke), October 16-Wolters (2442 Crockery Shores).

All meetings are open to the public--whether or not you are a member--we welcome your attendance! The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are held at Board members' homes. If a large number of non-board 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.

**2006 CLA BOARD POSITIONS ANNOUNCED**

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

Tim VanLaan will finish out the last year of Mario VanDyke's term.  
Chuck Lane will finish out the last year of Chris Stebbins' term.

Mario & Chris: The Board thanks you for all your time and effort spent on the CLA Board.

**BOATING RULES**  
You can find all boating rules at the following web site: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) or go to our website. A link is provided for your convenience.

## **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!

## **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, Irey, 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.

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.