



Lake Columbia

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The Columbian

Food Drive - Big Success!



Our second annual LCPOA Food Drive was again a success. Our grand total was 780 cans of food for the pantry and \$1,555 in cash. We should all be very proud of our combined efforts to help the less fortunate during holiday time.

Again, the East side came from behind and won the competition and had \$100 donated in their honor.

I would like to personally thank all the great volunteers that helped with the delivery. Shown above in order are Hal Whiteford, Pam and Chuck Falahee, Sue Shipman, Sherry Foist, Sue Niedzielski Coleen Crampton, Vic Klotz and Ron Niedzielski.

Mark your calendars for next year as plans are underway to hold a 3rd annual food drive. A lot of suggestions were made to move the drive up earlier in the year so the "snow birds" could also be involved. Plans and dates are now being considered for changing our collection time to later in the summer before Labor Day but to also have it run a week or two past that holiday. According to the food pantry their need is even greater during this time since most groups donate more during the actual holiday season. We are going to give it a try and see how well we can do to help them out. Hopefully this will allow us to have a larger collection and to give the pantry a lift during their time of greater need.

Once again, I want to thank everyone who donated, helped with delivery and most of all to Andrea and Peggy in the office who were kind enough to put up with all the extra traffic and helping to keep all the money in the proper envelopes for our weekly tallies and last but not least to Karen and Pat from Neighborlink who were kind enough to get the word out and to post our updates each week. Without everyone's help we couldn't have been so successful.

Coleen Crampton - LCPOA Food Drive Chairman

New Ramp Key Policy & Garbage Survey inside. Please Read.

GARBAGE SERVICE SURVEY

The Board is considering making changes to the garbage service contract with Northwest Refuse, Inc. which would result in substantial savings to the Association. Your feedback on this issue is greatly appreciated and our decision will be based on the results we receive from you. Please check the website or contact the office to keep yourself updated.

The present contract provides the following **primary** services:

- Garbage pick up of up to 3 – 30 gallon cans or bags on Monday and Friday each week.
- Compost/yard waste pick up on Saturday during the months of May thru November.
- Recycling services on the first and third Tuesdays every month.
- Bulk Clean-Up in June
- Annual Christmas tree pick up

The changes being considered are listed below and will save the Association approximately \$22,400 annually. Those savings will not result in any change to the annual dues, but will be used for park improvements, weed treatments and other operating expenses.

- For the months of **November thru April**, garbage pick up of up to 3 – 30 gallon cans or bags will only be provided on Mondays. **The elimination of the Friday pick up will save \$20,900 annually.**
- Compost/yard waste pick up for the months of May thru November will be on Wednesday instead of Saturday. This will give weekend residents more time to collect their yard waste and will avoid paying overtime to the drivers saving approximately \$1500 per year.
- Schedule the Bulk Clean-Up day to be the first Saturday after the Garage Sale weekend (providing that isn't an MIS Race weekend - if it is, move the cleanup to the weekend following the Race weekend).

Please give us your opinion by completing the short survey below and mailing it or delivering it to the Association office (1 1281 Hewitt Rd., Brooklyn MI 39230). **Or you may access the survey online by typing the following URL onto your internet browser (your reply will be totally anonymous): <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3M2Q2T2>**

1. To what degree do you support eliminating the Friday garbage pick up during the months of November thru April?
 - A. Fully agree
 - B. Moderately agree
 - C. Neutral
 - D. Moderately disagree
 - E. Fully disagree
2. To what degree do you support changing the compost/yard waste pick up from Saturday to Wednesday during the months of May thru November?
 - A. Fully agree
 - B. Moderately agree
 - C. Neutral
 - D. Moderately disagree
 - E. Fully disagree
3. In 2012, during the months of May thru November, how many 30 gallon cans and/or bags of garbage did you typically have to be picked each Friday and Monday? (A 30 gallon bag measures 29.5" wide x 35" high; a typical 32 gallon can w/wheels measures about 33" high)
 - A. One 30 gallon can or bag.
 - B. Two 30 gallon cans or bags.
 - C. Three 30 gallon cans or bags.
 - D. More than three 30 gallon cans or bags.
 - E. None, I don't live at the lake during those months.
4. In 2012, how frequently did you have compost/yard waste to be picked up?
 - A. Weekly
 - B. Bi-weekly
 - C. Once per month
 - D. Once per summer
 - E. Never

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Garbage Service Survey Continued

- 5. Was the compost/yard waste from your residence or a vacant lot?
 - A. Residence
 - B. Vacant lot
 - C. Not Applicable – I never have compost/yard waste
- 6. In 2012 during the months of May thru November, when were you present at Lake Columbia?
 - A. Full time
 - B. Frequent weeks and/or weekends
 - C. Occasional weeks and/or weekends
 - D. Rarely
 - E. Never
- 7. A Wednesday pick up of compost/yard waste may require weekend residents to put out their bags/cans Sunday night in which case they will sit at the roadside until Wednesday morning. If you will not be available to put out the compost/yard waste bags or cans on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, can you make arrangements to have others handle that chore so the bags/cans are not sitting at the roadside for multiple days?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Maybe
 - D. Not applicable to me
- 8. Comments about the garbage service contract:

Please have your trash out prior to 6am the day of pick-up. Preferably the night before.

IMPORTANT NEW BOAT RAMP LOCKS AND KEYS—PLEASE READ

This spring, new locks will be installed at all the boat ramps and new keys will be issued. The present locks and keys have been in use for many years and over that time many keys have been passed on to non-members or are in the possession of members not in good standing.

New keys will be available at the Office beginning March, 01, 2013.

To obtain a new key, the following conditions apply:

- 1. Members must have paid the 2013 year dues and all delinquent dues and be a member in good standing.
- 2. Members must present a watercraft registration, valid through the current year, in their name or have one on file in the office and complete a new Boat Ramp Key Policy Agreement.
- 3. In most instances, only 1 key per primary property; meeting #1 and #2 above will be issued. Exceptions to this policy are under review by the Board and any changes will be announced in the next Columbian.
- 4. **Members having a key recorded on file:** may exchange that key for a new key at no charge.
- 5. **Members who received a key from the prior owner and do not have a Boat Ramp Key Policy Agreement on file:** may exchange the old key for a new key and pay a deposit of \$25.
- 6. **Members who lost their key:** must pay a replacement fee of \$200.
- 7. **Members never having been issued a key:** must pay a deposit of \$25. That deposit will be paid back when the key is returned.

Members obtaining a new key are responsible for the key and its use. Please do not loan your key to others to launch their watercraft. The Association is limited in its ability to control who has access to the lake. The number of boat ramps makes it impossible to have Security Personnel at each location at all hours of the day/night to stop unauthorized watercraft from being placed on the lake. Once a boat is launched, it is on our lake for the season. Keeping unauthorized watercraft off the lake is greatly dependent on members to act responsibly. Member dues support keeping the weeds under control and fish stocked in the lake. Is it fair that those who are delinquent in paying their dues or don't live in the Association are able to gain access to the lake and enjoy everything that the lake has to offer? If asked by anyone to borrow your key, direct them to contact the Association Office to obtain their own key.



**This year's Christmas Tree Pick-up will be on Saturday, January 19.
Put your tree out the night before.**



Fish Stocking Donations

can be made anytime of the year. Just use the form below and mail a check; stop in the office; call, fax or e-mail the office to use your credit card.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LCPOA
or
Pay by CREDIT CARD
CC# _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date ____ - ____
Address: _____
street number zip

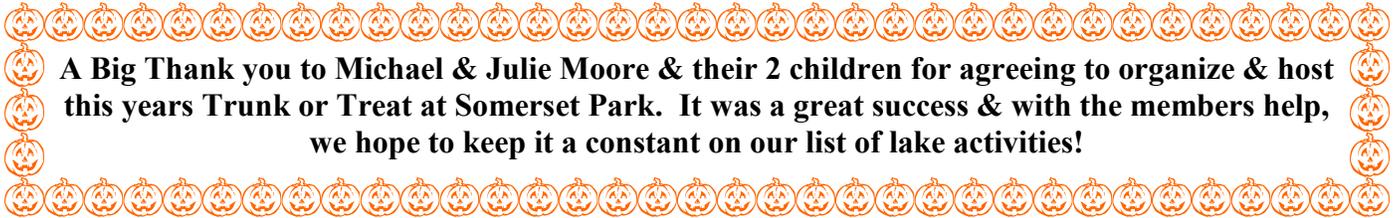
(Drop off at Office, Fax, Mail or Email your donation)

Fax: 517-592-3710 Address: 11281 Hewitt Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230

Please an amount: ___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$Other write in amount

Fish Stocking Donation form

Cut out and return with donation



**A Big Thank you to Michael & Julie Moore & their 2 children for agreeing to organize & host
this years Trunk or Treat at Somerset Park. It was a great success & with the members help,
we hope to keep it a constant on our list of lake activities!**



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