



Lake Columbia

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FIREWORKS AND BOAT PARADE/PICNIC

WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY JULY 6TH (Rain Date—Sunday, July 7th)



**PICNIC WILL START AT 3:00 FREE
HOTDOGS AND HAMBURGERS,
CHIPS & BEVERAGES
by Poppa's Place**



THE BOAT PARADE WILL START AT
 6PM, This Years Theme Will Be:
 "YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM"
 Costumes are encouraged!
 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place **CASH PRIZES** will be
 awarded! (Winners will be notified after the July 8th
 deadline at noon/call or e-mail your vote to the office)
START AT THE ISLAND
 & Follow the "Pace Poon"
 a complete lap of the lake must be taken to be eligible for prizes,
CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER
 & Receive your number to display for
 judges on shore (Office contact listed above)
 FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY THERE WILL BE NO THROWING
 OF ITEMS OFF YOUR WATERCRAFT AT ANY TIME!



**Music & DJ
with Karaoke
by Todd Soper
From 3-6**

**FIREWORKS AT
DUSK/10PM**



There has been a recent development involving the DNR possibly purchasing some land bordering Lake Columbia that will affect LCPOA members. Many of you may already be aware of the issue and are planning to attend Monday's Columbia Township Board meeting to express your concern and opposition. However, that would be premature as we don't know the nature of the Township's involvement in the approval process.

Here is what we believe is going on:

A property owner contacted the DNR offering to sell the acreage on Cement City road bordering the East side of the Goose Creek channel where it enters Lake Columbia (the property is not part of the Association). The DNR, contacted Columbia Township, and informed them they may be interested in purchasing the property. The purpose would be to develop a passive canoe/kayak livery that would be open to the public. That would give canoers and kayakers from outside the Association access to the lake but officially not to the parks. Although it would be difficult to monitor where the canoers/kayakers go once they enter the lake.

The DNR stated to a LCPOA Board member that contacting Columbia Township was just a courtesy, informing the Township of their possible interest in the property. But it is the understanding of some members of the Township Board that the DNR needs the Township's support in pursuing the land purchase and development of a canoe/kayak livery.

The DNR has stated that they are in the preliminary stage of gathering facts about the property. To move forward, there would have to be a survey of the property, preparation of plans for how the land could be developed for the stated purpose, public comment meetings held and many other steps. Everything would take a long time and the DNR moves very, very slowly on such matters, per the DNR.

The Association Board officers will meet with Columbia Township and the DNR asap to understand the role of the Township and the process the DNR will follow to move forward with the canoe/kayak livery idea. If the Township is being asked by the DNR to support the project, then the LCPOA Board will do all in its power to convince the Township Board to withhold its support from the DNR. The LCPOA Board will be expecting the Association members to join in expressing to the Township Board their opposition to the livery proposal - BUT WE ARE NOT AT THAT POINT YET. The LCPOA Board does not understand the nature of the Township's involvement so it would be counter productive for the Board and Association members to confront the Township Board about the matter at this time. If necessary, there will be plenty of time for that to happen later. In addition, the subject was not on the agenda for Monday's meeting from what we were told.

The LCPOA Board will keep the Association members up to date on any new information or activity surrounding this topic. We will reach out to Association members if help or input is needed on the topic including attending future Township meetings. Any questions should be directed to your Shore Director or the Association Office.

Bob Callison
President Lake Columbia Property Owners Association

Let's Have a Safe Boating Season

All boaters are encouraged to review the Michigan Boating Handbook available online at <http://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/book.html>. Boaters may take an online course at www.Boat-ed.com/MI/course. Also, Boating Safety Classes are available on the following dates and locations:

1. **June 23, 2013** from 9 AM to 3 PM. Location: Hayes State Park. To register, call 581 1029 between 9 AM – 4 PM.
2. **June 29, 2013** from 8 AM to 4 PM. Location: Lenawee County Sheriff Office, 405 N. Winter St., Adrian. To register, call 517-263-0524, ext. 2030 during hours of 9 AM to 3 PM.

There is too much good information in the Michigan Boating Handbook to restate it all here, but here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. Have appropriate type and size PFDs for all occupants readily available, a Type IV PFD (cushion or life ring to throw) and a working fire extinguisher.
2. Navigate the lake in a counter clockwise direction.
3. Observe the No Wake zones.
4. If operating at greater than “slow, no wake speed”, stay more than 100 feet from any moored or anchored vessel, docks and rafts and any marked swimming area. Note: PWCs must stay at least 200 feet from any Great Lakes shoreline and 150 feet behind another vessel other than a PWC.
5. Turn on your navigation lights after dusk.
6. Be prepared to give way to other boats and PWC. Don't assume that because you are the Stand On vessel that the other boater will give way.
7. Boating and drinking:
 - A. If your blood alcohol content is 0.10% or greater, you are considered to be under the influence of alcohol.
 - B. If your blood alcohol content is greater than 0.07% but less than 0.10%, a law enforcement officer can consider that fact along with other evidence in determining if you are under the influence.
8. PWC age restrictions:
 - A. None if born before 12/31/1978
 - B. If Born after 12/31/1978 and at least 16, the operator must have obtained a boating safety certificate to legally operate a PWC.
 - C. If 14 – 15 years of age, the operator must have obtained a boating safety certificate AND
 - a. be accompanied on board by a parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian or ...
 - b. be operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from the parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years old who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.
 - c. If less than 14 years of age, it is illegal to operate a PWC.
9. Be considerate after midnight of how far loud music and talking/yelling carries over the water disturbing those trying to sleep.



Please keep your yards and/or empty lots mowed, trimmed & clean of debris. It is in our Deeded Restrictions & just makes our neighborhood look nice.

Take care when mowing that you don't throw grass, weeds or yard waste into the lake. It is against the law & will help cut down on muck & yuck in the lake.

Beach at Riviera Park should be in by the end of June.



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

Fish Stocking Donation form

Cut out and return with donation

ATTENTION CARP FISHERMEN:
 Please be mindful of where you are shinning your lights at night and kindly refrain from running your generators after midnight.