



**Lake Columbia**  
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# The Columbian

**Thank you** to everyone that donated towards the Fish Stocking, we raised over \$3,000 from the generous donations. We added over 2,000 Walleye and 2,100 Crappie to the Lake on November 26th.

We are planning on an Ice Fishing Tournament for late January depending on ice conditions. If anyone has any Fish Scales, Stomach contents and caught Fish information for the fish study, please contact Todd Wanty 517-204-8330. This is important to complete the study.

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*ROBERT DRESSELHOUSE	**MATT LOGAN	*RICHARD SIELAFF	*JOHN ZOOK

\*Contributions over \$49    \*\*Contributions over \$99  
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**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 (between March 1 & June 30)  
 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 Letter To Our Membership About Our Recorded Restrictions

The Board of Directors is seeking feedback from you, our members on what to potentially change in our Recorded Restrictions. They were created by the Developer of Lake Columbia in the early 1960's and have been troublesome throughout the years for each board. Many members choose not to honor them as written. A couple of boards have attempted to update them over the years and each one was unsuccessful because they were asking for a single vote against all (16) Restrictions.

During our May 2014 Annual Meeting, we asked the membership in attendance by a show of hands if anyone wanted to just throw all of the restrictions out the window and to be ruled by Township Ordinances. Not a single hand went up in the room which tells us that people want to have some restrictions within their neighborhoods however, not necessarily these restrictions.

This is your opportunity to help voice your thoughts in a constructive manner, so that a committee made up of members and an alternate from each shore can assemble revised restrictions for your vote. We have consulted an attorney who specializes in Association and Condominium law for initial input. His comments consisted roughly of the following:

1. It will be very difficult to make any changes to the restrictions if your membership isn't willing to fully engage.
2. Each restriction can be voted on "a la carte" meaning that it can pass or fail on its own merits.
3. He also recommended that the membership should consider changing the way a vote for this would process in the future.
  - a. Currently, it requires 51% of each of the (13) shores
  - b. He suggested that the first vote be one to "test the will of the membership" to see if they would be willing to have voting similar to other elections held in Township, County, State or Federal elections where the "majority wins" - there are no limits to how many people have to vote - just that it's a majority of all those choosing to vote.
  - c. If that wasn't tasteful to enough, people could still set some limits such as: at least 25% of the members in each shore had to participate and then, "majority wins" based on actual total votes as an example.
  - d. He did clarify that voting could happen via multiple avenues: Paper Ballot mailed in, e-mail Ballot or in Person; and that a window of time could be spanned to allow enough responses. Voting would not all have to happen in a single day.
  - e. Currently it is extremely difficult to update the restrictions due to the 51% vote requirement. If members don't participate, then nothing will change and members will continue with the current restrictions, some of which are unenforceable. The Boards hands will be tied and issues will continue to spiral out of control.

Some of the restrictions need to be changed and some need to be reworded for clarification.

A committee has been formed and will consist of a member and an alternate from each of the (9) shore groupings as the board of directors are setup today. They have appointed a leader from that group (John A. Dale) who will coordinate the team and report back to the Board on their progress each month.

Future Columbians will also include updates. You could also talk with your committee representative or leave your written suggestions at the office.

Please take the time to get involved and let us know if you would be in favor of changing the way we vote going forward. Your input will help shape the future of our lake community.

We will not go forward with this project unless close to 51% of each shore tells us from their March mailing that they are in favor of changing the way we vote in the future. An "unofficial" ballot will be included with your annual billing statement and we need you to send it back or drop it off at the office.

Committee Members:

- Bayview Shores** - Rita McGladdery, (Need an alternate)
- Cambridge / Fletcher / Imperial** - John A Dale, (Need an alternate)
- Grand Pointe / Blakeley Shores** - Tim Burns, (Need an alternate)
- Holiday I Shores** - Gregg Butler, (Need an alternate)
- Holiday II Shores** - David Stout, (Need an alternate)
- Riviera Shores** - Doug Stieb, Randy Baker
- Royal Shores** - Cindy Gillespie-Lena, Diane Orzel
- Sherwood/Hill n Shore** - Justin Crane, Don Rankin
- Southern Shores** - Need a primary volunteer, (Need an alternate)

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Contrary to popular belief, the office does not automatically receive new owner information. If you would like to enjoy member benefits, please let us know who you are. If you have not given the office a copy of your current deed showing who the owners are of your Lake Columbia property, please drop off, mail or e-mail a copy to the office or bring it in & we can make a copy for you.

If you have contact information that needs updating please contact the office. Recently the police requested owner contact info from the office when neighbors taking a walk noticed water leaking from a front door due to a broken pipe. If we have a current e-mail or cell phone numbers, we, or the police, can quickly get in touch with you as soon as we are aware of a problem.

We are also asking for your current e-mail addresses so we can add this to our files & use it to send the Newsletter to you instead of the paper version (help us save a few trees, postage, etc.)





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BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT HOME FOR \$142,000 (or make us an offer)! LOCATED ON GOOSE CREEK , 3 BEDROOM, PARTIALLY FINISHED BASEMENT WITH A WALKOUT TO A GORGEOUS YARD WITH FRUIT TREES, HAS A DOCK WITH ACCESS TO LAKE COLUMBIA. CALL THE OFFICE (592-2361) FOR MORE INFO!

# 2015

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### Special Dates

- **January 3**-Holiday Trash Pick-Up instead of the 2nd
- **January 6**-Recycling Pick-Up Begins & will run every other Tuesday after this.
- **January 17**-Christmas Tree Pick-Up
- **January 26**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **February 23**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **March 23**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **April 4**-Yard Waste Pick-Up Begins
- **April 27**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **May 1**-Summer Trash Plan Begins
- **May 3**-Annual LCPOA Meeting-1pm H.S.
- **May 24**-Memorial Day Fishing Tournament
- **May 26**-Holiday Trash Pick-Up instead of the 25th
- **May 27**-Holiday Recycling Pick-Up instead of the 26th
- **June 6**-Lake Columbia Garage Sale
- **June 14**-MIS Nascar Race
- **June 20**-Spring Clean-Up
- **June 22**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **July 3**-Lake Columbia 4th Events
- **July 27**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **August 24**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **September 6**-Labor Day Fishing Tournament
- **September 8**-Holiday Trash Pick-Up instead of the 7th
- **September 28**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **October 26**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **October 31**-Summer Trash Plan Ends
- **November 23**-LCPOA Meeting 7pm Office
- **November 28**-Holiday Trash Pick-Up instead of the 27th
- **November 28**-Yard Waste Pick-Up Ends
- **December 26**-Holiday Trash Pick-Up instead of the 25th

### Routine Trash Schedule

Trash pick up is weekly on Monday & Friday. Please put out the night before or by 6am that day. If the pick-up day falls on a holiday then pick up will be moved to the following day. There is a 90 gallon limit per pick up & includes only regular household trash. If you have over the allowed 90 gallon limit per pick-up there is an additional cost of \$2 per 30 gallon bag. Call the LCPOA office to make arrangements. If for some reason you miss one of your regular pick-ups, call the LCPOA Office, & if Granger is still in the area, we can try to contact their dispatcher to see if they can go back to get it. If they are no longer in the area, we can let them know you will have extra for the next pickup. You can also drop it off to their Jackson location (address on the reverse side), after we let them know you will be coming so they can let the attendant know & so you will not be charged.

If you have irregular trash there is an additional charge for items such as appliances, carpet, large items, etc. Call the LCPOA office for cost, pick up dates & to arrange for payment. If yard waste is needed before April 4, call the LCPOA office to make arrangements. The cost for this service before April 4 or after November 28 is \$1/bag.

### Key Code

- = Holiday, Pick-Up Moved to Next Day
- △ = Recycling Pick-Up
- 🌲 = Christmas Tree Pick-Up
- ◻ = Summer Trash Pick-Up Begins
- ◻ = Summer Trash Pick-Up Ends
- = Yard Waste/Compost Begins
- = Yard Waste/Compost Ends
- ☀ = Spring Clean-Up
- ☺ = Annual LCPOA Meeting
- ☺ = Garage Sale
- ☀ = Fireworks, Boat Parade, Picnic

# **2015 TRASH SERVICE BULLETIN**

TRASH SERVICE WITH L.C.P.O.A. (517) 592-2361 / GRANGER, 2600 LANSING AVENUE, JACKSON, MI 49202 (517) 372-2800

**\*ALL COMPLAINTS and/or COMMENTS MUST GO DIRECTLY TO THE LCPOA OFFICE.\***

**\*PLEASE HAVE ANYTHING GRANGER PICKS UP CURBSIDE BY 6 AM THE DAY OF PICKUP OR THE NIGHT BEFORE\***

## **Lake Columbian POA Trash Services include...**

- 1) Twice a week **Trash** Pick-Up: Monday & Friday, See Calendar & Info on reverse side (*put out night before*)
- 2) Christmas **Tree** Pick-Up: Saturday, January 17 (*put out night before*)
- 3) Voluntary **Recycling** Pick-Up: Every Other Tuesday, See Calendar on reverse side (*put out night before*)
- 4) Yard **Waste** Pick-Up: Saturday, April 4 – November 28 (*put out night before*)
- 5) Spring **Clean Up**: Saturday, June 20, 2015 (*put items out night before*)

**\*Please DO NOT put live Ammunition out for Granger to pick-up. It is dangerous.  
Please call the Police for your safest disposal procedures.**

Your **RECYCLING COLLECTION** is referred to as "single-stream" or "comingled" recycling. This means that all recyclables go into your recycling tub together and do not need to be sorted. Materials are sorted at a single-stream sorting facility after collection.

- **MIXED PAPER:** Place newspaper, magazines, direct "junk" mail, first class mail, other printing and writing papers, phone books and envelopes loose in tub. **NOT ACCEPTED: plastic bags, string, twine, stickers, coins or plastic stuck on papers**
- **TIN CANS & ALUMINUM:** Rinse clean and flatten. **NOT ACCEPTED: paint cans, appliances, hangers, fencing, scrap metal, aerosol cans or containers with food residue**
- **BOXBOARD:** Boxboard includes items like tissue boxes, cereal boxes and paper towel rolls. Break down and remove any contaminants (food, plastic or foil packaging). **NOT ACCEPTED: plastic, Styrofoam, wax- or foil-coated boxes, refrigerator or freezer boxes, including 6-, 12- or 24-pack beverage cases**
- **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:** Break down, remove any contaminants (Styrofoam, wood or food) and stack cardboard beside or under tub. **NOT ACCEPTED: shiny cardboard, wax-coated boxes, 6-, 12- or 24-pack beverage cases**
- **PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS:** Household items with #1-#7 accepted, including bottles and jugs with narrow, threaded neck; plastic tubs (margarine, sour cream, etc.); microwave trays; and yogurt containers. **NOT ACCEPTED: plastic bags, paper- or wax-coated milk or juice cartons, Styrofoam containers/packaging, syringes, garden hoses/rubber, furniture, pools, toys, buckets, barrels, free-flowing liquids**
- **FOOD & BEVERAGE GLASS\*:** Accepted items include clear and glass jars and bottles. Rinse clean and remove lids and metal rings. Metal lids may be placed in the tub, but must be removed from the jar or bottle. Labels may be left on containers.  
**GLASS NOT ACCEPTED: Window panes, light bulbs, Pyrex, plate glass or automobile glass**

\*Although we accept glass in street-side collections in your area, due to potential injury to associates during the collection and sorting process, we would prefer that glass be recycled at one of our drop-off centers. If you miss the every-other Tuesday Recycling Pick-up for any reason, you can drop off your recycling at:

Granger's Jackson office, 2600 Lansing Ave., Jackson, MI 49202 24/7 for no fee

Here is a link to the Granger Website where you can get more info: <http://www.grangernet.com/>

**YARD WASTE:** Must be in biodegradable 30 gallon yard waste bags or loose in containers clearly labeled "Yard Waste or Compost".

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Weeds, Grass, Leaves, Garden Debris, Walnuts, Pinecones, Twigs and Branches. Brush and tree trimmings should be no longer than 4' and less than 2" in diameter. Tie with string or twine into 12" bundles.

**SPRING CLEAN UP:** Loose items must be in containers, bagged, bundled or boxed

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Furniture, Wood, Metal Scrapes, Mattress, Box Springs, Rolls of Carpet, Water Softeners, Appliances, Auto Batteries, Furnace Parts, Construction material, Paint (must be solidified by kitty litter) Fencing, Auto Parts, Misc. Junk

EXCLUDED ITEMS: Stones, Cement, Bricks, Tires, Compost, Large Machinery, Demolition Material, Automobiles, Hazardous Waste, House Batteries, Motor Oil, Misc. Chemicals, Ammunition.

**SPECIAL SERVICE** Pick-ups: Curbside pick-up for bulky items offered on Monday, Wednesdays or Fridays at an additional cost per item upon request and prepaid payment of check, cash or credit card (credit cards are only accepted during the months of March-June) to the LCPOA office. Call LCPOA office for details.

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Appliances, Furniture, Heavy Yard Equipment, Jet Ski, Snowmobile, Small Trailer, Paddle Boat, Water Softeners, Furnace. Any other items in question call the LCPOA office to check if item is accepted. Tires are accepted at \$8 each.

**CURBY CARTS:** Are optional and may be ordered through GRANGER. Cost is \$36.00 per year, per household.

Call Granger to make arrangements at 517-372-2800 and ask for a Customer Service Representative.