



August 2018

The Columbian

Lake Columbia Property Owners Association

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Light Up the Night Weekend

LIGHTS

Start getting those lights out and light up the lake Aug 17th-19th each evening. Keep it simple with a string of lights or get creative! Last year the south end of the lake had the most lights out to view. Spread the word to get as many members to participate as possible for beautiful evening boat rides!

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, Aug 17th kicks off the weekend with Movie Night at Castlewood Park, (at dusk- approx 9:30). The Activities Committee will be showing Jumanji (1995), providing free popcorn for everyone, as well as free glow bracelets and a small gift for the kids (while supplies last). Beach your boat or bring chairs/blankets and hang out on the lawn to watch! Come early to get a good spot for the movie and enjoy dinner at the park— Maria's Sunnyside Mexican Food Truck will be there from 4-8 p.m.

LCPOA ANNUAL PICNIC

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Additional activities yet this summer:

- Saturday, August 25 - 10am - Castlewood Park - SUPYO Sweetwater Yoga
- Saturday, August 25 - 2-6pm - Big Bedford Park - Food Truck, Primal Pizza
- Sunday, September 2 - 9am-Noon - Nottingham Park - Food Truck, Petey's Donuts

Fireworks Donations

are welcome anytime of the year. Just use this form to mail your check or bring a check or cash into the office.

Name: _____

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Address: _____

Mail or drop off to the Office at:

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2019 Fireworks

We are looking for a new fireworks company for next year. We will be accepting donations (cash or check) anytime during the year at the office to enhance the show. We are tentatively scheduling July 6 as our Fireworks date with July 7 as the rain date.



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13th Annual Labor Day Fishing Tournament

Sunday, September 2nd 7:30-11:30 am
 Registration 7:15 am at Big Bedford - Weigh in at 11:45 am
 Cost: \$40 per Boat, Children under 18 are FREE
 1st Prize: Most Weight (3) Fish - Largemouth
 2nd Prize: Most Weight (3) Fish - Smallmouth
 3rd Prize: Most Weight (3) Fish - Walleye
 Kids Prize: Largest Single Fish
 20% of the money goes to Fish Stocking



Please consider donating to our Fish Stocking Program. The association will match your donations!

Since 2013 we have stocked an average of \$7000 per year in fish. We did not stock last year due to the fishery we use not having enough fish available for us to stock with. We will be adding last years donations to the amount that we will use for stocking this year.

2018 MEMORIAL DAY FISHING TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!



Team Borsos Largest Largemouth 4.79 lbs.



Zack Bivins
 Largest Walleye 3.0 lbs.



Team Hamlin Largest Smallmouth 4.05 lbs.
 with **Ryan Hamlin** winning the Largest Kid's Fish which was another smallmouth at 3.03 lbs.

Winners for the 2018 Memorial Day Fishing Tournament are:

- Largest Kids Fish: Ryan Hamlin - 3.03 lb. Smallmouth Bass - \$50
- Largest Smallmouth: Team Hamlin - 4.05 lb.- \$200
- Largest Largemouth: Team Borsos - 4.79lb. - \$200
- Largest Walleye: Zach Bivins - 3.00 lb. - \$200
- Largest Other Fish: Team Ponagai - .78 lb. - \$50 (Crappie)

Additional Reminders:

- Please pick up after your pets & keep them on a leash when taking them for a walk or using the parks. It is a state law to keep your pet on a leash.
 - We do appreciate those of you who are using the Pet Waste Bags we have at the parks...but, please place them in the proper trash receptacles when disposing of them. The "Lake Weeds" cans are only for lake weeds & things that will decompose easily like yard waste. The plastic bags are not biodegradable.
 - Please observe the State of Michigan Boating laws when out on our lake. Jackson County Sheriff has an open invitation to patrol the lake & they will distribute tickets to those not following the law. A link to State of Michigan Boater's Safety info is:
https://www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/mi_handbook_entire.pdf
 - We have many new owners on the lake this year and many of them are first time boat owners. Please be courteous & kind to others on the lake and always be aware of your surroundings.
 - Get your decals for your vehicles & watercrafts from the office.
 - Watch for the posted speed limits around the roads at the lake.
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Best Lake Management Practices

The board has had many discussions recently with various companies regarding what we can do to achieve better water quality at our lake. It was recommended that we all should implement the following practices:

- 1) Wherever possible, development of a vegetation buffer zone 25-30 feet from the land-water interface with approximately 60-80% of the shoreline bordered with vegetation (This reduces entry of nutrients from land and also helps reduce erosion)
 - 2) Avoid the use of lawn fertilizers that contain phosphorus (P). P is the main nutrient required for aquatic plant and algae growth, and plants grow in excess when P is abundant. When possible, water lawns with lake water that usually contains adequate P for successful lawn growth. If you must fertilize your lawn, assure that the middle number on the bag of fertilizer reads "0" to denote the absence of P. If possible, also use low N in the fertilizer or use lake water. Individual riparians should never use P in fertilizers since it will create more algae and weed growth in the lake over time.
 - 3) Do not burn leaves near the water since the ash is a high source of P. The ash is lightweight and may become airborne and land in the water eventually becoming dissolved and utilized by aquatic vegetation and algae.
 - 4) Assure that all areas that drain into the lake from the surrounding land are vegetated and that no fertilizers are used in areas with saturated soils.
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Lake Weeds

Our weed treatment company, Professional Lake Management (PLM), has treated the lake on 5/15, 5/31, 6/6, 6/7,6/18, 6/25 & 7/10. They are also scheduled to come out the week of August 6th & August 27th. Our board has made them aware of our current weed problem and they will be out as often as it takes to clear it up. When they treat areas they will post information on the shoreline on how to use the lake in the days following. If you are having issues in your area with lake weeds, please contact the office & give us your address so we can let our treatment company know for when they come out again. Here is a link to a plant reference chart from the Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society, that you can also get a copy of from the office, to help identify some of the weeds we have on the lake:

<http://www.mapms.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/plant-chart2.pdf>

It is important to understand that in order for our lake to remain healthy, there needs to be a healthy balance of native weeds in the lake. The invasive species, like Eurasian Milfoil, Curly-leaf Pondweed & Starry Stonewort, that are not native to this area should not be in the lake and those are the weeds we are attempting to eliminate. They are also the hardest to control because of how quickly they can grow, multiply & take over an area.

There are a few things we can do to help cut down on these weeds:

- **CLEAN & DRY** boats, trailers and equipment before entering the lake
- **DRAIN** live wells, bilges and all water before entering the lake
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash not into the lake

If you ever have any questions on these plants, please contact our office and if we don't know the answer we will try to point you in the right direction to find the answer.



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To the left is a beautiful sunrise (courtesy of Todd Wanty) at the 2018 Annual Memorial Day Fishing Tournament!