



Crooked Lakes Association Newsletter

July 2015

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CLA Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, July 11, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m. ET

The CLA Annual Membership Meeting is on Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m. ET. Please join us at the Lion's Park building for donuts and coffee and exciting agenda.

We welcome all members to join us for the business meeting and election of new officers. Our guest speaker will be Jerry Morin, owner, Sister Lake Brewing Company. This new brew pub will be opening in the former Pitcher's Plumbing building on CR690. Jerry and his sons will give us their vision for the new business and answer your questions about the opening which is targeted for Spring 2016. This new addition will enhance the spirit of the Sister Lakes community. Please welcome Jerry and his family. A discussion about future bike path plan for our community will also take place! Come for the donuts and stay for the informative agenda!

Condition of Our Lakes

On or around June 7th a resident on Round Lake reported to the DNR-Fisheries a significant fish kill. A fish kill is a quantity of dead fish floating on the surface of the water or washed up on the beach. Then the DNR received reports from Big and Little Crooked that they also were experiencing a fish kill. The reporting residence explained that the lakes had been treated earlier with chemicals and that was the possible cause.

The DEQ contacted PLM (Professional Lake Management) the company that treats our lakes and received all the data including the dates of treatment, chemicals used, strength and total area treated. They also received a report that Indian Lake was also experiencing a large fish kill. The DNR was then on the lakes to get samples of the kill.

The conclusion by the DNR and the DEQ was that the fish are dying due to a disease called "Columnaris". A bacteria that is wide spread in all lakes is the root cause of the disease. Fatal outbreaks start when the fish are stressed. The stress is likely caused by spring spawning exertion and temperature change.

The symptoms of Columnaris are frayed fins and grayish-white slime covering part of the fish. The fish population recovers quickly but it is best not to eat fish that show these symptoms. The bacteria that causes Columnaris poses no health risk to humans and thorough cooking kills the bacteria that are present.



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Raft Signs

The Crooked Lakes Association will provide reflective raft signs to all members free of charge. These signs offer improved visibility to protect rafts and watercraft while cruising at night. Please stop by the **annual membership meeting** on Saturday, July 11 to pick up yours or contact Mike Spain at 269.424.5459.

Wake Law Reminder

NO Wake

7:30 PM to 11:00 AM

Violators may be subject to ticket.

Sister Lakes Triathlon

The Sister Lakes Triathlon is on Saturday, July 18 with events beginning at 8:00 a.m. ET. Volunteers are needed! Please call Tom Neary at 269.424.3619 if you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to be a part of this energetic day in Sister Lakes! Please be prepared for some road closures during the event.

Sister Lakes Lions

Did you know that proceeds from the Sister Lakes Lions Memorial Day and Labor Day pancake breakfasts along with specific donations to the "Fireworks Fund" help defray the cost for the 4th of July fireworks in Sister Lakes? This annual fireworks display has become a Sister Lakes tradition for both young and old alike. Let's keep the tradition alive by generously donating and supporting the Sister Lakes Lions.

Calendar of Upcoming Local Events

July 3	Fireworks, Dowagiac
July 11	Crooked Lakes Association Annual Membership Meeting
July 16-19	Summer in the City, Dowagiac
July 18	Sister Lakes Triathlon & Relay
July 25	Steve's Run, Dowagiac
August 1	Sister Lakes Lions Swiss Steak Supper
August 15	Rod & Roll Classic Auto Show, Dowagiac
September 5-6	Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow, Dowagiac
September 6	Sister Lake Lions Pancake Breakfast
October 10	Under the Harvest Moon, Dowagiac
November 13-15	Christmas Open House Weekend, Dowagiac
December 4	Candle-light Christmas Parade, Dowagiac
February 6	Ice Time Festival, Dowagiac

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Annual Membership Drive Crooked Lakes Association moves into the 21st Century!

There are now **THREE** convenient options to pay your annual membership dues. **IN PERSON:** Join us at the annual membership meeting on July 11 and pay your dues in person. **BY MAIL:** Detach and complete the membership form and mail with your \$35 check payable to Crooked Lakes Association. **ON LINE:** Simply visit the CLA website at www.crookedlakes.org and select the membership tab. Submit your payment electronically using PayPal. *Please note that a \$1.32 handling fee will apply making the total dues payment \$36.32.*

JOIN TODAY! Crooked Lakes Association Membership Form

Last Name: _____ First Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Lake Address: _____ Big Crooked: _____ Little Crooked: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

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