



# Guthrie Lakes LYRIC

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## Get Involved in Guthrie Lakes... Run for the EFPOA Board!

Our 9-member Board elects three new members each year; they serve for a 3-year term. Being on the Board is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your neighbors, and share your experience and expertise to improve our great community.

The Board generally meets 4-6 times per year, almost always on Saturday mornings at the Clubhouse at 10 AM after the first Saturday pancake breakfast. Each Board member generally is assigned to be on one of the standing committees, and may chair a committee after gaining experience. Please consider running for a Board position this year; more details are in the article below.

## EFPOA BOARD ELECTIONS COMING!

This communication is the official “call for nominations” to fill three, 3-year EFPOA Board of Director vacancies beginning July 2016. The current terms of service for Ron LeBourdais, Nancy Gregg and George Lienerth will expire June 31, 2016. We are very grateful for their valuable contributions to EFPOA over the past three years!

Have you considered being a “nominee” for the Board? If so, you must:

- be a property owner or spouse of a property owner,
- be a member in good standing (paid dues), and
- draft a resume (no more than 200 words) that states why you’d like to be on the Board; share your background, experience and expertise.

Resumes are to be sent to EFPOA Elections Committee, PO Box 40, Waters, MI 49797 and must be post marked no later than 10:00 AM, May 24 2016. More details about the Elections will be in the next issue of the Lyric.

## From the President

By Tony Esson

Thanks to everyone that choose to spend their Holiday season with us. Our Christmas celebration party was a big success again this year, and attendance at our New Year's celebration exceeded our expectations. With more than 110 members and guests in attendance at our New Year's Pig Roast, seating was short, but we thank you all for your patience as we added more tables and chairs that evening. With the Board's action at the January Board Meeting, we will be purchasing more tables and chairs so that we can continue to host these and other well attended events. A special thank you our facilities Supervisor, Tom Hall, who gave up a night's sleep to help cook the pig. Also a special thanks to the Keg Bar for allowing us to borrow their cooker for the pig. Please stop buy the Keg and have a burger and a refreshment as a token of our thanks for their generosity.

I am happy to report that we closed last year in a strong financial position, with a surplus of \$103,000 being rolled over for our future needs. This funding will allow us the option of completing the remaining clubhouse exterior renovations, and also allow us to set aside funding for the eventuality of a costly repair/replacement of our pool. With the age of our existing pool, such a replacement is becoming ever more likely in our future. We plan to repair and maintain the existing pool as long as we can at a reasonable cost. However, in the eventuality that replacement becomes a more feasible and financially prudent option, we must have some money set aside to offset that large expense.

At our meeting in January, the Board appointed Laura Hart-Smith to fill the vacancy on the Board left by the resignation of David May. Laura and her family are new members in our community, and were drawn to EFPOA by the recreational qualities of our community. Laura is interested in seeing that our rules and regulations, maintenance, and financial stability protect and improve our facilities for all. Please welcome Laura and her family, and thank her for volunteering to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Please keep an eye on the association website and calendar of events and join us at the clubhouse for some good food, good friends, and good old fashioned fun.

### No Change in Dues for 2016

Dues for the coming 2016 year will be the same as last year. The Board reviewed the proposed budget and determined that no change was needed for the coming year, while covering all expenses and including several scheduled capital improvements. **Dues full amount is \$370/lot.** If paid in full by March 1, -\$25 on the first lot (\$345), -\$45 on second lot (\$325). For questions, contact Sherice Esson, Business Manager, at 989.732.1942 or Nancy Gregg at 989.732.4579.



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### CLUBHOUSE CLOSED APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>.... CONGRATULATIONS, TOM!

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It's confirmed! Tom Hall is getting married on Saturday, April 16 and since everyone will be invited to the event, there is no one left to work and keep the Clubhouse open! We are all very happy for Tom and Joy and wish them years of happiness together.

**Winter Clubhouse Open Hours for February-March-April**

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thurs-Friday: 10-noon

Friday Night: 4 to 8 PM

Saturday: 10 AM to 8 PM

Sunday: Closed

**Welcome to the Board, Laura!**

The EFPOA Board welcomes Laura Hart-Smith who was appointed at the last Baord meeting to fill the open Director position; her term will continue through June of 2018. Laura, her husband, Matt and their five children (3 month Connor, 18 month Cassidy, 3 yr. Christian, 11 yr. Cara and 14 yr. Caleb) recently purchased a home on Lots 325/326 on Whisper. Laura brings a background in business and legal assistance, and we look forward to her contributions to the Guthrie Lakes community. Please give a warm welcome to Laura and her family.

**Activities at the Clubhouse for the Coming Months**

Sat, Feb 6 – Pancake Egg Breakfast – 9 AM

Sun, Feb 7 – Super Bowl Party – 6PM – Taco bar, bring apps and desserts to pass

Sat. Feb. 20 – Chili Cook-off Bonfire, Hot Dogs provided; bring apps and desserts. 5:30 PM

Sat. March 5 – Pancake Breakfast – 9 AM

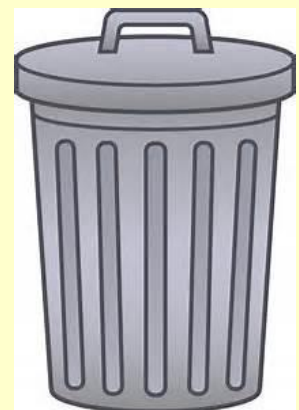
Sat. March 12 – Corned Beef Dinner with carrots/potatoes/cabbage, \$5 @ 5:30 PM

Sat. March 26 – Easter Egg Hunt – 2 PM for Cookies and fun!

Sat. April 2 – Pancake Breakfast – 9 AM

**It's About Your Garbage Can...**

A reminder to all residents that garbage cans are NOT to be left out at road side except on the day of pick-up. Garbage containers can be put out the night before, but they should be removed from the road side after pick-up on Wednesday. This is clearly stated in our EFPOA Rules and Regulations under General Regulations #4 that is posted online at the EFPOA web site ([www.efpoa.com](http://www.efpoa.com)), and is included in the back of the Property Owners Directory.



## Does Your Ride Down Marlette Road Feel Like This???

If you have had enough of the bumps, lumps and missing edges while driving down Marlette Road, there IS a way to complain. Attend the Otsego Lake Township Board meeting (7 PM the third Thursday each month at the Otsego Township Hall in downtown Waters... and voice a complaint; this Board determines which roads within our county gets “fixed”, and the “squeaky wheel gets the oil”.

So collect a few neighbors and attend one of the upcoming meetings listed below. At the end of every meeting is a “Public Comment” item on the agenda and that’s when you voice your complaint about how torn up Marlette Road is due to giant military vehicles and logging trucks using it so often. You may have to go to more than one monthly meeting, but be persistent! The meeting dates are: February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16 and every third Thursday the rest of the year



### **Spot a Dog NOT On a Leash?**

You can contact Animal Control at 989.705.7632; their hours of operation are:

M-T-Th-F from 8:30 to 4 PM

Wed. 8:30 to 6 PM

Sat. 9 AM to Noon

Our Deeded Restrictions include a leash law requirement for all dogs. If the loose dog seems vicious, contact 911 for help.

### **Don't Push Your Private Snow Out on the Public Street!**

Doing this is against state regulations (See Public Act 82 of 1978, Section 257.677A) that states individuals are NOT to “deposit snow on any roadway.” If caught doing this, it is a misdemeanor with possibly 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine!

### **THANKS FOR THE FRIDGE!!**

A big thanks to Nancy and Russ Gregg for donating a very nice refrigerator for the Clubhouse kitchen; it REALLY needed it! The new model will facilitate group events and the storage of supplies much better.