



Guthrie Lakes LYRIC

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Care About Our Trees??

Residents who care about the trees that surround our serene Guthrie Lakes community can do several things to let the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) know that recent clear cutting has had a major negative impact on our neighborhood.

- Attend the July 19th Gaylord Compartment Review meeting at 9 AM at the DNR office in Gaylord (1732 W. M-32 just west of town, north side of the road). Be professional and courteous.
- Contact Joyce Angel (Unit Manager) from the DNR who oversees the cutting procedures. (Email: HYPERLINK mail to: angelj1@michigan.gov)
- Text or call the DNR "Rap Line" at: 800.292.7800
- Need help writing a letter to the DNR? Ask:
 - When the next cut will take place near Guthrie Lake?
 - How much money the state received from the clear cut on the east side of our neighborhood last fall?
 - How many acres of trees are being taken from our compartment (area) within the next 5 years?
 - Tell them we want them to "select cut" next time they cut in our area.
 - Tell them we want DNR to notify our community a year before a cut will take place near us.
 - Tell them we need a tree buffer between our community and the military ranges to lessen the concussions of the bombing noise.

Need more help or information? Call Barb Herman at 989.732.2240 or email to: hermanbl@gmail.com. Mail your letter to Joyce Angel at the DNR: 1732 W. M-32, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Upcoming Social Committee Activities

- Sat. July 22 - 2nd Annual Fishing Tournament - 7 AM - 1 PM
 - 5:30 - Margaritaville Potluck - Bring dish to pass, hot dogs & hamburgers provided + Margarita mix & blenders!
- Sat. Aug. 5 - Pancake Breakfast (+ sausage and eggs!) 9 AM
- Sat. Aug. 19 - Pizza Night! 5:30 PM - \$5 includes salad & dessert

From the President

By Tony Esson

Thanks to everyone that attended the annual membership meeting on July 1st, and our annual picnic. Although the weather looked bleak, Mother Nature was kind enough to hold off the showers and to even provide a little sunshine.

For those unable to attend, the biggest news that we shared was about the completion of everything that set out to upgrade at the Clubhouse since last year. The exterior renovations are now complete and look great; we have added a small patio in front for outdoor grilling; the interior storage room is complete and has eliminated our storage shortage for tables and chairs, and we have replaced the boat house with a new structure located on higher ground to the south.

Our focus for the remainder of this year will be the construction of a new storage building on the clubhouse grounds to replace the old and deteriorated storage barn located by the tennis courts off of Huntington Drive. The current barn has outlived its useful life and we continue to have trouble with break-ins due to its remote location. During our annual meeting, the membership moved to have a new storage building constructed on the clubhouse grounds this fall. This new building will replace the current building and will serve all of our equipment storage needs. We will soon be seeking bids for construction of the building, with plans to have it completed before the snow flies.

We have not forgotten about our pool. Seen as our most important amenity to many members, the fate of our pool is often a topic of conversation. Moving forward with previous planning, it is our intent to complete a planned replacement of the pool prior to the 2019 summer season. We have had pool Contractors visit, and are awaiting budget pricing for this planned replacement. Once we have a firm idea of cost for the replacement, we will investigate and determine how we plan to pay for the replacement. We have been tucking away money for the replacement, but know that we will have to borrow a significant portion of the money to cover the cost of replacement. We expect to have costs and financing plans ready for presentation to the membership next July at the annual meeting.

On the Board news front, EFPOA welcomes back Tony Esson, Brooke Joyner, and Fred Novak who were re-elected by acclamation. Tony will continue his role as President for the next year, Brooke Joyner has assumed the role of a Secretary, and Fred Novak will continue to serve as a Director.

If you are in the neighborhood during one of our events or activities, we'd love to see you so please join us. If you aren't in the social mood, at least feel free to stop by the Clubhouse to take a dip in the pool, or take advantage of the great amenities that are available to us in Enchanted Forest.

Get Your New Green July 2017 Guthrie Lakes Property Owners Directory at the Clubhouse if you didn't get one at the annual meeting July 1.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony Esson, Fred Novack and Brooke Joyner in their election to the EFPOA Board by acclamation; they will serve three-year terms that will end in June 2020.

LOTS OF WATTS SAVED...THANKS, RON!!

Our thanks to Board member, Ron LeBourdais, for using his outstanding skills as an electrician to replace outdated light fixtures in the Clubhouse to the newer, more economical LED versions; he also replaced the pool pump to a more efficient model. These changes have reduced our kilowatt usage during June by 26%...Awesome!



HAVE YOU VISITED WATERS FARMERS MARKET?

IT IS LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN WATERS ON OLD 27 JUST SOUTH OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL. CHECK IT OUT EVERY FRIDAY FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM FOR GREAT LOCAL PRODUCTS.

How to Buy the Lot Next Door... for Low Cost... from Otsego County

Ever consider buying the lot next door? For usually only a few hundred dollars, you can qualify for this opportunity if you are an association member in good standing (dues paid up), have no delinquent taxes owed to the county, and the lot is next to (contiguous) to yours.

For more information and details on your specific situation, contact Board member, Brooke Joyner at 989.619.3267 or at brookejoyner34@gmail.com.

The current list of 32 lots available includes the following lots: Lots that are available include: 7-8-38-40-53-93-103-119-173-209-210-221-229-231-276-301-335-393-400-473-480-488-512-545-561-571-581-582-583-649-655-656.

To purchase county tax foreclosed lots visit www.tax-sale.info and click on "2017 Otsego surplus".

P.S. Dues on each lot owned is \$370/year; if you pay in full by March 1st there is a \$25 discount on your first lot, and a \$45 discount off each additional lot after the first.

STATUS OF BUMPY MARLETTE ROAD...



The EFPOA Board is working with county and township officials to have our major access road changed from a Class B to a Class A road; this would widen the road and make a deeper roadbed that would be tougher and stronger. Stay tuned!!

GOT YOUR GREEN STICKER YET?

Vehicle windshield stickers for cars and golf carts are now required and are available at the Clubhouse; they were distributed at the Annual Meeting July 1st. Fill in your lot number and then put it on the windshield on the passenger side down low and to the outside. Get a sticker for each vehicle you have; it can be mounted either on the outside or inside... it sticks on both ways and will stay attached. As you enjoy our parks and beaches, observe those using our amenities and make sure they have such a sticker on their vehicle; if not, record the license plate number and contact one of the managers who can follow up and determine if those involved are residents or allowed guests. If you have guests visiting, a temporary vehicle pass is available at the Clubhouse; place it on the dashboard. Any questions, call Sherice at 989.732.1942.



WHO IS PULLING THE WATER WAGON??

Several residents of Guthrie Lakes volunteer during the summer months to water the 12 beautiful hanging flower baskets that make downtown Waters more attractive. These folks sign up for a week at a time (often doing 2 or 3 weeks during the summer!) and use the provided water wagon to make sure the plants survive our summer heat. This year's volunteers include Jim (shown at the left) and Polly Buchanan, Ron & Mary Kay LeBourdais, and Barb and Jim Herman. Other watering volunteers from the Waters community include Susan LaVanway (Committee Chair), Margaret Black and Marcia Taylor
THANKS to all!!

Have you REALLY looked at the EFPOA Web site?

Do check out our web site at “efpoa.com” to see the great amounts of information included for use by residents and others interested in our great community? It includes dates and social activities, rules and regulations for building (including deed restrictions for Guthrie Lakes #1-2-3), paying annual dues, access to old issues of the Lyric newsletter, & learning about Range firing schedules for the nearby Camp Grayling Training Center.



Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall coming to Grayling!!

From July 20-24th this impressive “moving wall” will be on display 24 hours a day at the Sports Complex in Grayling located at 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling. This display was made to share with loved ones who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to Washington to see the original memorial.

MORE 4-WHEELERS?? MORE ORVs/ATVs?

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be opening-up more trails for use by these popular recreational vehicles beginning in Jan. 2018... so be ready to see more of them all over our area. In Otsego County, the North Branch Trail is 26 miles long; the Big Bear/Crapo Creek Trail is 17 miles long. As an automobile driver, be aware that more of these vehicles may be traveling in areas you traverse.

For more details see:

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10365_15070_80105---,00.html



A Great Annual Meeting this Year!

This year's Annual Meeting was held Saturday July 1st and this year 77 residents attended (up 12% from last year) that represented 87 lots.

Our guest speaker was LTC Thom Green from Camp Grayling Training Center; he updated everyone on the expected training activities scheduled this summer so residents are informed about dates and special events. If you have specific questions about the military, contact our Government Relations Chairman, Ron LeBourdais (989.732.0730 or rlebourd@live.com) who can give you the correct referral to get needed information.

JOINT LAND USE STUDY (JLUS)... in our part of Michigan.

Residents of Guthrie Lakes and other communities in the northern part of the state are often frustrated about being neighbors with Camp Grayling Training Center, and being so close to the bombing range. Residents of Alpena have similar feelings about the Alpena Joint Training Center.

To address these concerns a special group has been formed with the goal of evaluating the:

- Evaluating the use of airspace, military training routes and military operations areas
- Promoting and enhancing civilian and military communications and collaborations,
- Serving as a catalyst to sustain the military mission of...
- Promoting public health and safety, and a positive quality of life, and
- Promoting the enhancement of community and economic development in the northeastern Michigan region.

This group hopes to develop a plan to guide the future development of the lands on and around Camp Grayling Joint Military Training Center, and the Alpena Joint Training Center.

To create such a plan, this group needs your input and ideas. A survey is posted on this web site: <http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/jilus.asp>. Complete the survey and consider attending the next public involvement meeting scheduled for this Fall, September 2017. The actual date and location will be posted closer to the event. Providing your contact information via the survey will get your regular updates on the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). For questions contact Denise Matteini at djm290djm@gmail.com.



LAKE AND BOATER SAFETY... a reminder to all who enjoy our lakes

The boating season is upon us and with that comes concern that everyone who uses our lakes is familiar with the basic rules of safety that must be followed.

- The driver and ALL passengers on board MUST have access to a personal floatation device (life jacket); they are required to be a wearable "Type I, II or III and USCG approved.
- Each person being towed behind a boat or PWC (personal watercraft) must wear a USCG approved Type I, II or III personal floatation device.
- All boats MUST travel in a COUNTER CLOCKWISE direction around the lake.
- It is illegal to operate your boat at speeds above 55 miles per hour.
- "Slow, No Wake Speed" is the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering, and which does not create a wake; this speed should be used in all canals, and passages between two lakes.
- Keep 100 feet from docks, rafts, anchored boats, swim areas, boats towing tubes and the shoreline when under power.
- Sailboats always have the right of way.
- Passengers on pontoons are NOT allowed to ride outside of the railing when under power.
- While drinking may take place on your boat, remember the law states the blood alcohol limit is .08 and it is a misdemeanor if caught with a higher level. If you are under age 21, you may NOT operate a boat with any alcohol in your system!
- Those born on or after July 1, 1996 may operate a boat legally ONLY if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat.
- Those less than 14 years of age may NOT legally operate a PWC (i.e., jet ski, wave runner).
- Those 14 and 15 years of age may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate AND:
 - He or she is accompanied on board by a parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has permission from the parent.
 - He or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 ft. from his/her parent or guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has permission from the parent.
- Those at least 16 years of age and born after December 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally ONLY if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.
- All PWC riders and passengers MUST wear life jackets.
- Children under age of 7 may NOT be towed behind a PWC unless with a parent.
- It is illegal to harass wildlife or disturb aquatic vegetation with your PWC.
- HAVE FUN, KEEP IT SAFE, AND ENJOY SUMMER!!

