2015 Fall Newsletter

CLPLPOA October 2015

CLPLPOA P.O. Box 51 Somerset Center, MI 49282

President Report

Chuck Fifield

Summer fun and leisure time has past, now it's on to the chores of fall: pulling out our lake toys; cleaning up the yard/raking leaves; Halloween; the first frost; and gearing up for the coming winter.

That leads me into notifying you of a great opportunity that came the Association's way this past July. The property owned by Carl and Darlene Weidner (Lot's 207,208, and 209 along the east side of Crystal Lake Dr. East) was offered for purchase by the Association. This property had been used over the past years by some members for the disposal of leaves, branches, lake weeds, and other yard waste. This property is ideal for such purposes and is classified by Somerset Township as RU-1, a low land not suitable for residential development. The Board of Trustees met and approved the purchase of the property for the negotiated price of \$4000.00. The total land area is approximately 0.7 acres and the annual property taxes will be approximately \$80 per year. This will be added to our other land holdings, namely the CLPLPOA lake bottoms and access roads. The Board also approved the continued use of our new property for yard waste as a private compost site. The property has been posted with two(2) new signs that stipulate what 'can and 'cannot' be disposed by any of our 'dues paying' members. Disposal of 'commercially' cut tress. stumps, and shredded materials are prohibited. Our Road Trustee will be monitoring the site for violations of the posted rules and will be pushing disposed material further back into the low area as needed. Feel free to

Contact myself or any other Trustee if you have any questions or comments on this or any other matter. Here's looking forward to a great fall and Thanksgiving season.

use the 'Yard Waste Site' at your convenience.

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Roads Report

Chuck Hopkins

Thank you to the volunteers that have mowed the access lot on Perch Lake and the entrance on Crystal Lake Drive.

We had two treatments for dust control this year that seem to have worked out well. There was a concern raised about chemicals from the dust control causing harm to the lakes or wildlife. The dust control is a strong salt brine. I contacted a Duck's Unlimited scientist and was told that the salt brine would not harm the waterfowl, fish, or lake integrity.

There are new signs at the boat launches, compost site, and entrances to the Association Lake plot. There are signs that contain a no trespassing warning to non-Association members.

It's that time of year again...please do not rake leaves into the road. Please put yard waste in the compost site available on Crystal Lake Drive East. A burning permit is required for leaves and can be obtained at the Somerset Township Offices located on Chicago Road at the Fire Station. There is no charge for the permit.

For those who are here 365 days a year (or there abouts), Mike Barancin will be here with his trusty plow to keep us mobile. The rest of you have NO idea what you're missing!!! It can be beautiful.

Chuck Hopkins

CLPLPOA Roads

Treasurer Stan Kirkwood

Greetings! We hope each of you had the opportunity to enjoy the lakes this summer. Having well maintained roads allow us to take advantage of our beautiful lakes throughout the year. Your road dues are what enables us to care for our roads. To date approximately 60% of owners have paid their dues for 2015-2016. If you are one of those that have not paid please write a check to CLPLPOA for \$275 and mail it to CLPLPOA P.O. Box 5, Somerset Center, MI 49282. I thank you in advance.

Stan Kirkwood
CLPLPOA Treasurer

Secretary Mulloy

We are continually updating the master list of our home owners. To ensure we have accurate information, please email me at mjpmulloy@gmail.com if you have a change to your Email Address, home address or phone number.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Marty Mulloy CLPLPOA Secretary CLPLPOA 2015 Fall Newsletter

Lakes Report Ann Love

Hello to all my fellow lake lovers. While I am not new to the board, I am new to the position of Lakes Trustee. I hope to continue to oversee the health and beauty of our lakes as my predecessor Lia Johnston did so well for many years. To that end I have enlisted the help of many of our neighbors in the form of a Lakes Ad Hoc committee. This enthusiastic group spear headed by former board member Judy Moskus met at the end of the summer and is working on a plan to continue to improve our lakes. I will also be coordinating with both the Lake Foundation and PLM (our lake management company) to fund and implement our lake management plan. In the near future our fish stocking project will continue with a batch of walleye for Crystal Lake. Exciting fund raising activities are also coming up. The first fund raiser coordinated by Barb Yamarino will be a chance to purchase fun, lake -themed t-shirts which you can wear proudly knowing the proceeds support the CLPL Foundation.

Also in the works from fisherman extraordinaire Rick Applegate is a great informational brochure featuring the fish of Perch and Crystal Lakes. These and other projects are just a hint of what is in store for our lake community in the coming months and I am excited to be a part of it. Feel free to contact me for any concerns or questions about the lakes or better yet call me if you would like to volunteer to help with our efforts.

Ann Love CLPLPOA Lakes



Living at the lake certainly comes with it's joys and benefits. But it also comes with an obligation to protect the lake's environment for all recreational uses and our important fishery as well. We will be providing some educational material in the newsletter on what is necessary as a homeowner to coexist with the lake as a responsible homeowner, and to protect our pristine lake for generations to come.

The first article is about our septic systems, which unlike a city sewer, require maintenance on the homeowners part to protect the lake ecosystem from sewage contamination. Even if you do not live directly on the lake, it is important, as water run-off from all property in our area ends up in the lake watershed. Also, an improperly maintained septic can contaminate the ground water as well, making the well water unsafe. An article describing some general maintenance requirements and is meant

as a guide only can be found on the Association website crystalperchlakes.org. Any concerns should be discussed with a qualified and certified septic company, which are listed in the phone book.

Jim Tetreault
CLPLPOA Vice President



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Special Projects



Barbara Yamarino

Christmas Party

December 5, 2015 at 6:00pm (Dinner served at 6:30pm) Somerset Township Hall BYOB

Coffee, water, and pop will be provided.

Crystal Lake / Perch Lake Foundation Fundraiser

Spirit wear can be ordered directly from EA Graphics (see order form for details). Merchandise will be delivered directly to the address on the form.



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NOTICE OF CLPLPOA FALL MEETING SOMERSET TOWNSHIP HALL SATURDAY, November 7, 2015 - 10:00AM

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Administrative Report
- 3. Treasurer's Report
- 4. Lakes Report
- 5. Roads Report
- 6. Legal Report
- 7. Special Projects
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
- 10. Adjournment

PROXY STATEMENT FOR November 7, 20	15
I, the undersigned, a member in good standing of the Association, revoking all prior proxies, do appoint:	Crystal Lake-Perch Lake Property Owner's
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(Name of Proxy)	
As proxy to represent the undersigned at the meeting November 7, 2015 and all adjournments thereof and the meeting.	
Signature:	
Dated:	Lot Number:

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Notice of CLPLPOA Fall Membership Meeting

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP HALL SATURDAY, November 7, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.

2015 Upcoming Events

Christmas Party - Saturday, December 5, 2015 Somerset Township Hall - 6:00pm

COME EARLY FOR COFFEE & DONUTS

