



**White Lake  
Citizens League**

# Current

## Spring 2008

### Coming Events:

**1st Annual  
Memorial Day  
Pancake Breakfast  
May 26th**

**Boat Parade  
June 28th**

**White Lake  
Fireworks  
June 28th**

**Rain Date  
June 29th**

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## ABOUT THE WLCL...

A little over a year ago, I began to attend the White Lake Citizens League (WLCL) board meetings after an absence of nearly 12 years. After a couple of meetings, I realized that things had changed. Although the meetings were still sparsely attended, all those who did attend were very actively involved and getting things done. The WLCL's many activities include such projects as the Boat Parade, Fireworks, Membership, publishing of *The Current*, Communications, Fund Raising, the important work of the treasurer, as well as the important role as liaison to the Lake Improvement Board (your taxes and weed control).

Last month, I was asked to be President and I accepted, not so much because I'm now semi-retired and have some time to dedicate to the role, but because there were so many people involved and engaged in handling a share of the work that improves the quality of living on the lake.

One thing I found that has not changed was that funding for the fireworks, which cost nearly ten thousand dollars per year, is still in doubt. Funding for the fireworks comes in part from your membership fee and your general fund donations. Contributions from area businesses and WLCL fund raising events make up the balance.

This year, there is a very special fund raiser on Monday, May 26th, the "**First Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast.**" This is an opportunity for neighborhood involvement in a unique way. I'm old enough to remember when parents sat on the front porch, talked to their passing neighbors and watched their children play stick-ball in the street. (I grew up in Brooklyn, but I'm sure this memory is not unlike those you may cherish from old Detroit neighborhoods.)

The **First Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast** is an opportunity for you and your neighbors, your friends and relatives to meet and talk to neighbors you might not have met yet and only waved to as their boat passed by.

I hope to see you there! I'll be the one giving out tips on the lost art of stick-ball.

*Tom De Santis, President*

## 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

The Annual Membership Meeting for the White Lake Citizens League was held Wednesday, March 26, and included elections for board member and officer positions. The 2008 Board includes:

OFFICERS		BOARD MEMBERS	
Tom DeSantis, <i>President</i>	Alex Becker	Frank Dyson	Gary Webb
Larry D'Angelo, <i>Vice President</i>	Jack Butler	Larry McCullen	Lenny Wojewoda
Walt Koziol, <i>Secretary</i>	Jeri Butler	Bob Pisoni	
Carol Webb, <i>Treasurer</i>	Laura DeSmith	Darrol Spurgeon	

# WEED CONTROL PLAN FOR 2008

This year White Lake will again be treated with Sonar, as it was several years ago. That treatment was successful at controlling the two targeted nuisance weeds, Milfoil and Curly-Leaf Pondweed, which are not native to our lake. At the same time, Sonar does not affect those weeds that are native to the lake. Additionally, the control of Milfoil is expected to last for two seasons.

For maximum effectiveness, the treatment will be done in two stages. The first treatment will be in late April or early May and a second treatment will be done 3 to 4 weeks later. Other than Copper Sulfate for spot Algae control, no other weed control for the season is anticipated.

As with all treatments, approvals are obtained from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the EPA and the applicators are state licensed. The shoreline will be posted with the water use restriction signs (yellow signs) prior to each application. For more information, see the insert in this newsletter.

## FIREWORKS AND BOAT PARADE SATURDAY JUNE 28TH

As has been typical in recent years, the *Annual Fireworks Display* is set for the Saturday before the 4th of July, which falls on Saturday, June 28 in 2008. The rain date is Sunday the 29th.

The annual *Boat Parade* is held the same day as the fireworks, so start now in planning your "All Things Hawaiian" boat decorations, and dig out those grass skirts!

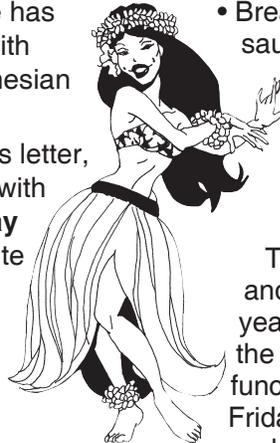
Participants are to meet at Mitchell's Marina at 2:00 pm. Prizes and voting processes will be announced later.

## 2008 SUMMER CELEBRATION: POLYNESIAN SUMMER

This year our social committee has decided to "Shake the Lake" with an "All Things Hawaiian" Polynesian Summer theme.

As mentioned in the President's letter, we'll be kicking off the season with the **First Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast** at the White Lake Inn. Details about this "Pancake Luau" are shown below:

- Monday May 26th, at 8:30 - 11:30 am at the White Lake Inn.
- \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 for children 12 years and under.



- Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee and milk.
- Drink Specials will be available at additional cost. 100% of breakfast proceeds will go to the fireworks fund.

Theme tee shirts, visors, coozies, and other items will be sold again this year, with 100% of proceeds going to the fireworks fund. Purchase at WLCL functions, at the White Lake Inn each Friday night from 5-9pm (starting the end of May) or by contacting a Board Member.

## GENERAL

### HELP WANTED:

WLCL has a number of projects on hold, just waiting for people to raise their hand and offer to help. If you're interested, please contact a board member or drop a note to [info@wlcl.org](mailto:info@wlcl.org)

## APPRECIATE THE FIREWORKS? PLEASE CONTRIBUTE NOW!

A major WLCL tradition is the fireworks display, funded by our generous members and local business contributors.

The 2008 Fireworks will cost WLCL over \$10,000, and the board is concerned about our ability to continue to fund this event and maintain other important activities.

Fireworks contributions have not kept pace with cost increases in recent years, and once again the 2009 display is in

jeopardy. In order to reserve our preferred dates, the contractor requires a commitment from WLCL at the time of each year's display. The board will review contributions received through JUNE 26 and make a decision on commitments for next year at that time.

Please demonstrate that you support continuing the 4th of July fireworks by sending in your membership dues and contributions NOW. If you have comments on this important event, please send them to [info@wlcl.org](mailto:info@wlcl.org).

# BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED!

We'll soon be starting the WLCL membership drive for 2008, and we'd like to begin by thanking the folks who helped out in 2007! We need more volunteers from the membership to cover open territories and help us personally contact everyone on the lake.

We have divided the area into 40 "Block" territories, so that each volunteer doesn't have to make too many individual contacts. We have special needs on the east side of the lake, particularly on and around Ridge Road.

The work is not complicated, and by starting early, you can pace your contacts so that the assignment won't be a great burden in your busy schedule. Here's what the job entails:

Contacting each resident at the waterfront addresses on your block list. Most blocks contain between 10 and 20 homes to be contacted.

The purpose of the contacts is as follows:

- Solicit them for membership dues and a fireworks donation.
- Update our roster for ownership name changes.
- Collect e-mail addresses (and changes of e-mail address) for all of your neighbors, whether or not they choose to join WLCL.
- Recruit people who would like to help by volunteering.

We will be having a meeting soon to get Block Captains briefed and equipped with forms and materials to make the contacts easy. Accordingly, we need to fill our open territories as soon as possible. If you have interest and/or questions about the work, please call Marj Lowe (248) 344-9341 or (248) 345-9341, or e-mail her at [loweandlowe@ameritech.net](mailto:loweandlowe@ameritech.net) or [communication@wlcl.org](mailto:communication@wlcl.org).

## TRADE YOUR DEAD BATTERY FOR LIVE FIREWORKS!

Steven Cemer and Darlene Mauer ([darstevus@msn.com](mailto:darstevus@msn.com)), are members of WLCL and owners of the Discount Battery locations at 2977 Dixie Hwy, Waterford, (248-674-2565) and at 2505 Union Lake Rd. Commerce (248-363-0330). They have come up with a great offer to support the WLCL fireworks, and will donate \$5.00 per auto or boat battery core turned in at their stores when you mention the WLCL when doing so. No purchase is necessary.

What a great way to help the WLCL and the environment at the same time. If you cannot make it to their stores please contact Gary or Carol Webb ([carol3225@comcast.net](mailto:carol3225@comcast.net) or 248-887-4838) for pickup.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### HELP WANTED:

WLCL's Website ([www.WLCL.org](http://www.WLCL.org)) is in desperate need of some tender loving care. If you have some skills in web design or maintenance, please contact George Lowe via [communication@wlcl.org](mailto:communication@wlcl.org)

## A BIG WLCL THANK YOU...

*...goes to our loyal members and volunteers, and to businesses shown below who supported us in 2007!*

**American Marine Shore Control**  
6777 E. Highland Rd., White Lake

**Bugs Beddow**

**Colasanti's Produce & Plants, Inc.**  
468 S. Milford Rd Highland

**Discount Battery --  
Waterford & Commerce**

**Duck Lake Market**  
3711 N. Duck Lake Rd., Highland

**Exclusive Floor Covering**  
2967 E. Highland Rd., Highland

**Graceland Party Shoppe Inc.**  
7505 Highland Rd., White Lake

**Highland Auto Repair & Tire Center**  
7421 Highland Rd., Highland

**Highland Hills Golf Club**  
2075 Oakland Highland, MI

**Highland House Restaurant**  
2630 Highland Rd., Highland

**Jet's Pizza**  
401 Nordic Drive, White Lake

**Mitchell's Sport Shop**  
2543 N. Duck Lake Rd., Highland

**Norm's Ice Cream, Inc.**  
700 N. Milford Rd., Highland

**Parking Lots, Inc.**

**Shear Identity Salon**  
2944 E. Highland Rd., Highland

**Sparkies Bar and Grill**  
2868 E. Highland Rd., Highland

**Spring Valley Liquor**  
2823 E. Highland Rd., Highland

**Valvoline Instant Oil Change**  
2399 E. Highland Rd., Highland

**White Lake Inn**  
3955 Ormond Rd., White Lake

**White Lake Supermarket**  
3393 Ormond Rd., White Lake

**Wine Basket Market**  
3542 Duck Lake Rd., Highland

## WLCL: WHAT WE DO

WLCL is "neighbors working with neighbors volunteering to improve communications and enhance the quality and beauty of our lake."

Our volunteer work includes liaison with governmental entities (Lake Improvement Board), management and monitoring of the weed control program, organization and execution of the annual fireworks display and many other WLCL projects and programs as well as ongoing communications with members. All WLCL activities are oriented toward maintaining or improving the quality and beauty of our lake. Water quality, beautification, social activities and safety are among the interests of the WLCL.

Present needs for volunteers are shown in side bars throughout this newsletter.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**SOCIAL  
COMMITTEE**

**HELP WANTED:**

Anyone who can help out the Social Committee on traditional WLCL events and activities is encouraged to contact:

Janis D'Angelo  
887-9071

Vicki Myers  
887-5212

Wilma Wienczak  
887-7002

Lenny/Denise  
Wojewoda  
887-2734

**NEWS AND IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION FOR  
WHITE LAKE RESIDENTS**

**WLCL 2008  
MEETING  
SCHEDULE**

WLCL Board Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month, except November and December.

Location:  
White Lake Township Hall\*  
Time: 7:00 PM

For 2008, remaining dates are shown below:

April 23

May 28

June 25

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 22

\*Note: The July and August meetings may be held at an alternate location. Please subscribe to the WLCL email bulletins to receive alerts.

**STAY TUNED BY EMAIL!**

WLCL has extremely limited funds for mailing purposes, and in recent years has been able to budget for only one printed newsletter with postage. If you want to keep up on what's going on around the lake, WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! Please send a note to George Lowe at communication@wlcl.org, and we'll add you to our distribution list. Privacy note: We do not share this list with anyone.



**2008 Membership Dues and Contributions**

Membership dues and General Fund contributions should be remitted now. The Membership fees for 2008 are \$25 per household. General Fund donations go to our annual firework show and committee approved activities/expenses. Please donate generously and support our activities!

Mail to: WLCL, PO Box 851, Highland, MI 48356 (envelope enclosed)

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Fee \$25 + General Fund Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_