



**White Lake  
Citizens League**

# Current

*Celebrating 50 Years of Service to White Lake Residents*

**Spring 2011**

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### 2011 SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

**Monday, May 30, 2011:** The 4th Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast will be held at the White Lake Inn from 8:30 - 11:30 am.

**Saturday, June 25, 2011:** The 2nd Annual White Lake Home Tour will be held.

**Saturday, July 2, 2011:** The Annual Boat Parade will start at 2:15 pm at the bay near Mitchell's Marina. The theme is "Christmas in July".

**Saturday, July 2, 2011:** The premium 2-barge Fireworks Display will begin at dusk.

**Saturday, August 13, 2011:** The Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social will be held.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the White Lake Citizens League. The WLCL was founded in February of 1961 by Arleigh Hess, to stop the construction of a causeway between Dawson's Island and the north shore of the lake. We remember Arleigh and extend our many thanks to him for the success of this initial endeavor, and for founding our organization.

Over the years, the WLCL has been a very active and involved organization, improving the quality of the lake and enhancing the enjoyment of living on the lake. The organization continues to be consequential to you. Weed control, dredging and Sheriff boat patrols are just a few of the projects that the WLCL - together with the White Lake Improvement Board (WLIB) - supports and sustains. The Independence Day Boat Parade and Fireworks, the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, and the Home Tour are all very special events that the WLCL puts on that make living on White Lake so enjoyable.

These projects and events don't just happen, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the members of the Board of Directors, the committees, and the many volunteers who have worked so hard on these events over the years. In order for an organization to be vibrant and successful, we need this kind of effort, but we also need new people and new ideas. Your coming to a meeting, expressing your views, and perhaps volunteering to help in any of these efforts will be welcomed with open arms. I guarantee that you will enjoy your involvement, and with our philosophy that volunteer efforts should be spread out among many people, you will not find it at all burdensome.

To celebrate our 50th Anniversary, we are planning to hold an Ice Cream Social on a Saturday afternoon in August. This will include free children's games and prizes, face painting, sketches, balloons, ice cream, and a big anniversary cake. Your ideas on how to make this an even more fun event are again welcome.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Memorial Day Breakfast, the 50th Anniversary Celebration, and the Fireworks and Boat Parade.

Tom De Santis, *President*  
On behalf of your WLCL Board of Directors

**WLCL 2011  
MEETING  
SCHEDULE**

**WLCL  
MEETINGS  
are open  
to everyone,  
and are  
held the on the  
4th Wednesday  
of each month  
(except November  
December,  
and January).**

**LOCATION**

**White Lake  
Township Offices  
7525 Highland Rd.  
7:00 PM**

**2011 MEETING  
DATES**

**Feb 23, 2011**

**Mar 23, 2011**

**Apr 27, 2011**

**May 25, 2011**

**Jun 22, 2011**

**Jul 27, 2011\***

**Aug 24, 2011\***

**Sep 28, 2011**

**Oct 26, 2011**

**\*NOTE:**

**The July and  
August meetings  
may be held at an  
alternate location.**

**Watch  
www.wlcl.org  
and your e-mail  
for details.**

## 2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As you can see in the table below, annual memberships in the WLCL have improved almost steadily over the last several years:

Year	Membership	Percentage of Residents	Average Total Contribution Per Member*
2005	235	39%	\$49
2006	156	26%	\$51
2007	205	34%	\$55
2008	250	42%	\$60
2009	236	39%	\$58
2010	263	44%	\$61

\*based on Membership dues (\$25) plus any additional contributions to the Fireworks/General Fund received with the membership form.

2010 was the WLCL's best membership year in recent history! Thanks to everyone who took the time to send in their voluntary dues and contributions last year. We also appreciate all of the work of the "Block Captains" - your neighbors, who enjoy getting out and meeting their neighbors, and getting a chance to chat about your lake concerns, and the value of WLCL membership. Please take a few minutes to welcome your Block Captain when they call within the next few weeks. (It's not too late to volunteer as a Block Captain - call Gary & Carol Webb at 248-887-4838 for details.)

And if you haven't joined the WLCL in the past, please consider all of the information contained in this newsletter as you make your decision this year. There are almost 600 lakefront properties on our lake, and we would love to see an even larger percentage of them as WLCL members!

## SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

The summer officially begins with our **4th Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast** at the White Lake Inn on Monday, May 30th from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. We will once more be serving our delicious pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs, with milk, juice, and coffee. Prices will be the same as last year - \$6.00 (\$3.00 for children under 10). At noon, we will again honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country by playing "Taps" and then raising the flag to full mast with the singing of our national anthem.

Starting in May, we will have our fundraising merchandise available on Fridays at the White Lake Inn. Merchandise will also be available on Memorial Day at the Pancake Breakfast.

The **Annual Boat Parade** is scheduled for Saturday July 2nd at 2:15 p.m. leaving from Mitchell's Marina bay. Our theme this year is **CHRISTMAS IN JULY!** Let's all decorate and light up our boats (and our docks!) for the holiday weekend. This is something EVERYONE can participate in... fun for adults, children, grandchildren, and families! Use whatever you already have, so your family and friends can enjoy a "Christmas in July". Be creative: possible themes are Christmas carols, holiday movies, Christmas around the world, anything holiday or Christmas!

This year we are also encouraging everybody to get into the "holiday" spirit by decorating their docks and waterfronts for the weekend as well - even if you don't participate in the boat parade! (Remember to plug any lights that you use near the water into a ground fault protected (GFCI) outlet.) Boaters can enjoy cruising around the lake on Friday and Sunday nights viewing the lights as well.

All boat teams in the parade will receive a gift bag. Votes will be taken again by phone from all our friends and neighbors watching on shore (or on a boat). The phone number and voting instructions will be on our website. AND, this year there will be a special "Judges Boat" for special grand prizes donated by local businesses.

Of course, our spectacular 2 barge **Fireworks Display** will begin at dusk on Saturday evening. This is always one of the highlights of the summer!

Finally, on a Saturday afternoon in August, we will hold an **Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social** to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the White Lake Citizens League in 1961. Come and enjoy free ice cream, cake, and children's activities. All of the details will be announced on the website and by e-mail.

# SHERIFF'S MARINE PATROLS

Yes, this was a somewhat controversial subject at the beginning of the boating season last year, but the White Lake Improvement Board decided to spend existing funds from the Special Assessment District (SAD) to pay for Oakland County Sheriff's Patrols on our lake last summer.

As you may remember, Oakland County dramatically reduced funding for all Marine Patrols last year, instead offering individual lakes the option to privately fund the patrols on their lake. In order to ensure the safety of boaters, swimmers, and residents on our lake, White Lake was one of several of the county's largest lakes which elected to fund the patrols.

In total, the Sheriff patrolled 36 days on our lake in 2010, covering weekends, holidays, and occasional weekdays during the entire period from Memorial Day to Labor day. The total cost was just over \$5000, which amounts to about \$3.25 per Special Assessment District home\* for the entire season. No additional tax assessment was required to fund this service.

By the end of the summer, most agreed that the patrols had been beneficial to the safety of our lake. The presence of the patrols most likely saved the life of one person involved in an alcohol-related near-drowning.

Everyone is encouraged to click on the "Sheriff Lake Patrols" button on the left side of our website to view the detailed 2010 statistics and report provided by the Sheriff's Office, as well as the history and process involved in funding these patrols.

While we all wish that Oakland County would return to funding these patrols, until improvements in the economy allow that to happen, existing SAD funds will again be used to fund patrols in 2011.

Eric Russell, a lake resident who has served in the United States Coast Guard, has agreed to be the liaison between White Lake and the Oakland County Marine Unit this year. While many of the parameters for the patrols are established in the contract with the county, residents are encouraged to contact Eric at [patrols@wlcl.org](mailto:patrols@wlcl.org) or call the WLCL Hot Line (248-887-5658) with their reasonable questions, concerns, and suggestions this summer.

\*There are approximately 1600 homes in the Special Assessment District, including about 600 lakefront homes.



## 2011 Membership Dues and Contributions

Membership dues and General Fund contributions should be remitted now. The Membership fees for 2011 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*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*(please print clearly)*

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

*If you would like to help by volunteering, please check below the activities in which you are interested, or indicate other ways that you are willing to help:*

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Parade  | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks    | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Control        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Committee                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Beautification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                     |                                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No thanks, but please keep us informed by email. |                                       |  |

*Please Make Checks Payable To WLCL*

## WLCL WEBSITE - WWW.WLCL.ORG

There's one place where you can find up-to-date information about all things White Lake... visit our website at <http://www.wlcl.org>. It is updated frequently, so if you haven't visited it lately, there's probably something new on it! Since this printed newsletter is only published once a year, the website and e-mails are your best source of current information about lake activities.

In addition to information about current WLCL activities and events, there is often information about other local events. You can read an extensive history of White Lake, find information about water quality, weed treatment programs, and the Special Assessment District. There are photo albums of past social activities, information about the WLCL and its history, fishing information and tips, and more information about membership. You can post free classified ads, and find handy links to area businesses and government contacts.

Be sure to add our website to the "Favorites" or "Bookmarks" list on your computer - you might even want to make it your home page! If you have comments or suggestions for the website, send an e-mail to [communication@wlcl.org](mailto:communication@wlcl.org).

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## E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Whether you're a member of the White Lake Citizens League or not, you can receive up-to-date information and reminders about lake and lake-area activities by joining the WLCL e-mail list. Since this printed newsletter is only mailed once a year, the website and these e-mails are your best way to keep up on White Lake information.

Here are the promises we make:

- e-mail addresses are always hidden from view on all communications
- e-mail addresses are never supplied or sold to any other organization
- e-mails are always short and easy to read, and never contain graphics or pictures (which can slow their downloading on some systems)
- e-mails are limited to 1 or 2 a month, except around special events (like the Boat Parade)
- you can ask to have your name removed from the list at any time

Presently there are 366 members, non-members, and local businesses on the master list to receive e-mail communications. E-mail addresses are removed from the list when the carrier "bounces" a message back indicating that the address is no longer valid... so you may have formerly received the e-mails, changed carriers, and forgotten to notify us of your new e-mail.

If you haven't been receiving e-mails lately, you can add your e-mail address to the list by sending an e-mail to [communication@wlcl.org](mailto:communication@wlcl.org), or by including it on your membership form (please print carefully... some e-mails "bounce" because they are difficult to read on the form!)

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## SAILBOAT RACES

There was a time when our lake was full of small colorful sailboats of various sizes and types. At that time, lake residents could go out on their decks on a summer Sunday and gaze upon a colorful fleet of as many as thirty sailboats engaged in a friendly race around the lake. Participants and viewers alike loved it.

A group is considering starting sailboat races on the lake again. The group is having an initial get together on Thursday May 26th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the best dates, times, locations, and rules for such informal races.

Anyone who may be interested, whether able to attend the meeting or not, is encouraged to contact Rich at 248-887-2024, e-mail [sailing@wlcl.org](mailto:sailing@wlcl.org), or or call the WLCL Hot Line (248-887-5658). No sailing experience is necessary!

The group may develop into a sailing club in which more experienced sailors could help those with little or no experience to learn boat-handling and boat repair skills.

# WATER QUALITY AND WEED TREATMENT

It's 2011 and we still are having to deal with weeds on our lake... Sewers to service the houses around the shoreline and surrounding area would be the ultimate answer for our lake, though it would be a slow reversal of the effect that septic systems and other sources of surface runoff have done to the nutrient levels already accumulated at the bottom and in the water column of White Lake.

One of our jobs at the WLCL is to put forth a program every year to treat the symptoms that excess nutrient levels in our lake present. This year's program will be similar to many recent years of treatment. Those prior year's treatments evolved from the beginning, with weed harvesting about 30 years ago - which didn't do a very good job of controlling weed growth. Some would argue that it may have even stimulated growth of certain weed species. Because sewers are not installed (due to the huge amount of money they would cost), and because extensive dredging is expensive (though we have accomplished some dredging), we treat our lake with a reasonably cost effective program of chemical treatments throughout the summer. For those of you who wonder why we haven't explored methods other than chemicals - we have explored them.

As mentioned earlier, this year's program will be patterned after what we know works... It will start with a weed survey this spring, followed by a chemical treatment based on what we find. More than likely, we will find a lot of a weed known as Starry Stonewort this year (identification pictures are available on "Water Quality & Weed Control" page of the website). With our contractor, we have developed an application of chemicals that is effective on that growth. Throughout the summer, we will do additional weed surveys to identify any additional nuisance weed growth issues, and then treat them with the chemical applications required.

You may have noticed that sometimes certain areas of the lake receive treatment applications while others do not. Based on our surveys, we will sometimes apply specific treatments only to those areas with specific nuisance weed problems.

We remind all residents around the lake to be observant, and to report any unusual nuisance weed growth issues to the WLCL Hot Line (248-887-5658). We will respond to every call and confirm your observations. Keep in mind, however, that we don't try to maintain a swimming pool here! It is a lake, and some weeds are supposed to grow to maintain a natural balance. But when the weed growth is excessive, we will attempt to control that growth in those areas.

There are several additional things that we can all do to help our lake stay clean:

1. Have your septic tank pumped at least every 2 years.
2. Use the appropriate fertilizers, and apply them sparingly. (All bags of fertilizers sold in Oakland county now have the correct mix.)
3. If you can, set up a buffer zone of natural growth 6-10 feet from the water's edge.
4. Trim all trees hanging over the water. Leaves and branches hanging over the water will always fall into the lake.
5. If you are able, rake the lake bottom in front of your home. A clean shoreline can go a long way to improving the entire lake.

More ideas and resources are available on the "Water Quality & Weed Control" page of our website.

***Enjoy the warm season to come. We'll see you on the water!***

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## WHITE LAKE HOME TOUR

Following the success of last year's home tour, the WLCL is planning the Second Annual White Lake Home Tour for Saturday, June 25th. Like last year, participants will be taken to each of the 5 homes on the tour by pontoon boat (enjoying wine and cheese on the boat en route). This year's tour highlights an all new selection of some of the unique and wonderful homes on our lake, homes that you undoubtedly have longed to see inside of! (Watch the website for pictures of the homes selected for this year's tour.)

Tickets will be available starting at the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. Given the selection of homes on the tour this year, and the additional publicity that we plan in the local press, we expect tickets to sell out quickly this year. Contact your friends (both on and off the lake) to make plans now to attend on June 25th.

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## DID YOU KNOW ...

That all boats docked for more than 72 hours at a lake residence must be registered to that property owner and address? For more information about township ordinances regarding your lake property, click on the "Lake Access Ordinances" button on the left side of the website.

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### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**Welcomes anyone who would like to help out on WLCL events and activities**

**contact:  
Janis D'Angelo  
248-887-9071**

**Vicki Myers  
248-887-5212**

**Wilma Wienczak  
248-887-7002**

**Larry/Laura  
DeSmith  
248-240-1268**

**Lenny/Denise  
Wojewoda  
248-887-2734**

### COMING EVENTS

**Pancake Breakfast  
May 30, 2011**

**Home Tour  
June 25, 2011**

**Boat Parade &  
Fireworks  
July 2, 2011**

**Ice Cream Social  
August 13, 2011**



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

## **A BIG THANK YOU**

**to these local businesses who supported the WLCL In 2010!**

**American Marine Shore Control**

6777 East Highland Road  
White Lake, MI 48383  
(248) 887-7855

**Aqua Weed Control, Inc.**

414 Hadley Street  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8388

**Clippers Lawn & Landscape Maint.**

13320 Stark Road  
Livonia, MI 48150  
(734) 522-0025

**Dave and Amy's**

9595 Highland Road  
White Lake, MI 48386  
(248) 698-2010

**Dave's Coney Island & Breakfast**

101 Nordic Drive  
White Lake, MI 48383  
(248) 889-3600

**Discount Battery**

2977 Dixie Highway  
Waterford, MI 48328  
(248) 674-2565

**Duck Lake Market**

3711 N. Duck Lake Road  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 887-4542

**Famous Market**

9610 Highland Road  
White Lake, MI 48386  
(248) 698-3958

**Graceland Party Shoppe Inc.**

7505 Highland Road  
White Lake, MI 48383  
(248) 698-1070

**Highland Auto Repair & Tire Center**

7421 Highland Road  
White Lake, MI 48383  
(248) 887-2944

**Highland Hills Golf Club**

2075 Oakland Drive  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 887-4481

**Highland House Restaurant**

2630 Highland Road  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 887-4161

**Jet's Pizza**

401 Nordic Drive  
White Lake, MI 48383  
(248) 889-0011

**The Little Store**

3544 Jackson Boulevard  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 889-4525

**Neighborhood Dump Trailer Rental**

2210 Duck Lake Road  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 714-5803

**Norm's Ice Cream, Inc.**

700 N. Milford Road  
Highland, MI 48357  
(248) 887-1931

**Pet Suppliers**

2825 E. Highland Road - Suite 127  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 887-1881

**Pomodoro Fresh Italian**

2940 E. Highland Road  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 887-3400

**Rite Aid Pharmacy**

2880 East Highland Road  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 887-4121

**Skybox Sports Grill**

2825 E. Highland Road  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 889-7591

**Sparkies Bar and Grill**

2868 E. Highland Road  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 887-2610

**Stanton Business Forms, Inc.**

4400 Duck Lake Road  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 887-7000

**Waterfall Jewelers II**

340 Town Center Boulevard  
White Lake, MI 48386  
(877) 884-4000

**Wine Basket Market**

3542 Duck Lake Road  
Highland, MI 48356  
(248) 887-1921

**White Lake Inn**

3955 Ormond Road  
White Lake, MI 48383  
(248) 887-1818

**White Lake Supermarket**

3393 Ormond Road  
White Lake, MI 48383  
(248) 887-5200