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Citizens League**

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Spring 2014

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2014 Summer Celebrations

Monday, May 26 - 7th Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast (8:30 - 11:30 am)

Saturday, June 7 - 3rd Annual WLCL Fishing Tournament (7:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Saturday, June 14 - 3rd Annual USCG Vessel Safety Inspections

Saturday, June 21 - 5th Annual White Lake Home Tour

Saturday, June 28 - Annual Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks

Display Theme: **"We Are Family!"**

(Boat parade starts at 2:15 pm, Fireworks start at dusk)

President's Corner

As you read this newsletter, you should be struck by how many good things are happening on White Lake. Often, those involved with organizing and leading these things don't get as much credit as they deserve. Many of them have been going on for years, like the fireworks, weed control, and dredging. Some are more recent, like the sailboat races, fishing tournament, and the home tours. There are very special events that bring us together as a community, like the Memorial Day pancake breakfast and the boat parade. There are also those activities that allow all of the other events to happen, like annual membership drive and merchandise sales. Finally, there are those activities that make the lake safer for all of us, like the Marine Sheriff patrols and buoy placement.

All of these events and activities take place because of your contributions and participation, but they also happen because you have an involved, dedicated, and hard working Board of Directors. When I became president about six years ago, it was a different

board. About 50 percent of today's Board was not there six years ago. I suspect that in six years the same will be true. Since there hasn't been an insurrection, I suspect that most of you are happy with your Board of Directors and would like to have the lake activities continue.

In order for this to happen we do need new people joining the Board and assuming leadership positions. New people are essential to a successful organization, and we can't continue to ask the same people to do so much of the work. So please plan on attending the meetings, and consider joining the Board and working on an activity. The work is not that hard, and you'll feel a real sense of accomplishment.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our events and activities this Summer, starting with the Memorial Day pancake breakfast and our meetings.

Tom De Santis

White Lake Citizens League President

**WLCL 2014
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**

**2014 MEETING
DATES**

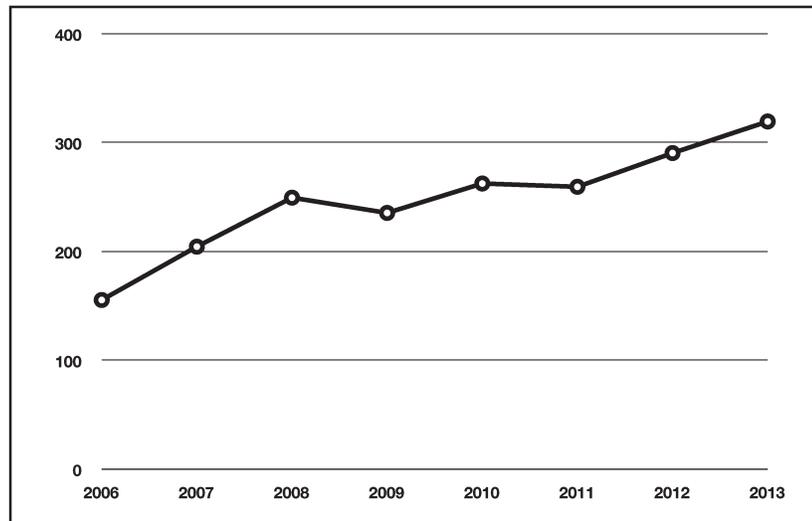
**Feb 26, 2014
Mar 26, 2014
Apr 23, 2014
May 28, 2014
Jun 25, 2014
Jul 23, 2014
Aug 27, 2014
Sep 24, 2014
Oct 22, 2014**

***NOTE:**

**Some meetings
may be held at an
alternate location.**

**Watch
www.wlcl.org, the
facebook page,
and your email
for details.**

WLCL Membership Drive



With the long cold Winter we have just had, we are all looking forward to Spring! This means that once again we will have our Annual WLCL Membership Drive. An important part of our Membership Drive is the neighborhood door-to-door contacts. PLEASE welcome your neighbors when they come to call on you. Some of you who have mailed in your donations will be contacted by your block captain to meet and personally thank you for your donation. Those of us who have been collecting for several years have met many new neighbors, and enjoy explaining the many projects of the WLCL.

We always need more Block Captains. Please call **Carol Webb (248-887-4838)** if you can help. We especially need people for the canal area off Jackson Blvd. and along Duck Lake Road.

Last year we had a **record number** of members join the WLCL - 320 members - up 10 percent from 2012. Absolutely amazing! However, this is still only about half of the total number of lakefront residents. And that number includes residents who live off the lake but who enjoy the fireworks and support us through their memberships and donations. *(Based on membership dues (\$25) plus any additional contributions received with the membership form, members gave an average of \$63 in 2013.)* Everyone around the lake enjoys the fireworks, and use them as a focal point for their main social gatherings of the Summer. Support for this program should be shared among ALL of us, and not be left to half the people carrying the load.

New Residents

We have developed a Welcome Package designed to help new residents of our White Lake community. It contains information about the lake and the community, including offers from local businesses. There is information about boating safety and regulations, and about enjoying and navigating around our lake.

If you become aware of a newly arrived family in your area, please contact **Bill Maine (wmtmaine@comcast.net)** **Membership Coordinator/ Database Chairman**, **Carol Webb (carol3225@comcast.net)** **Block Captain Coordinator**, or **Bob Parrett (communication@wlcl.org)** **Communications Director** with their address (and their name, if possible). Please don't assume that someone else has already contacted us! Ideally, we would like to get a Welcome Package into the hands of each new resident within a week of them moving into their new home. *(If you are a new resident, please contact one of us. We want to welcome you to the lake!)*

"Lake Access" Communities

Occasionally we receive inquiries from new residents who live in one of the "Lake Access" communities around our lake, concerning who coordinates beaches, docks, or launches belonging to their community. If you're that person in one of these communities, please send an email to **communication@wlcl.org** so that we can have a contact to which we can refer these folks.

2014 Summer Celebrations

The Summer of 2014 officially begins with our 7th Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast at the White Lake Inn on Monday, May 26th from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will be serving our delicious pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs, with milk, juice, and coffee included. Adult beverages will be available for purchase. Our ongoing success with the Pancake Breakfast is due to your ongoing support. Thanks to everyone who has helped make this a successful social event - those of you who bring your family and friends, and those of you who volunteer your time.

At Noon, after our Memorial Day breakfast, we will again honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our beloved country. "Taps" will be played, and we will sing our national anthem while we raise the flag to full mast.

Watch for Lenny and his team at the White Lake Inn on Friday nights starting sometime in May. Once again, he will have some new and exciting fundraising merchandise available for sale. Merchandise will also be available on Memorial Day at the Pancake Breakfast.

The Annual Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 28th. The Boat Parade will start at 2:15 p.m. leaving from Mitchell's Marina bay. Our theme this year is "**We are Family!**" Everything we are able to accomplish is because of everyone's support of all of our projects. We really are a "White Lake Family!" Decorate your boat and your crew -

there are lots of directions to go with this year's theme! Think of TV families now or when you were younger, great movies, and real life. Start planning now so you can join in the fun!!!

Votes will again be taken "American Idol" style by phone from all of our friends and neighbors watching on shore or on boats..."by land or by sea". The phone number and voting instructions will be on the website and on the lead boat. As in the past, prizes for the winning boats are donated by our generous and supportive local businesses who are listed on the website.

Of course, our spectacular two-barge fireworks display will be the culmination of the day on Saturday, June 28th starting at dusk. Watch the website and email newsletters for location details.

And once again, let's all "decorate and light up" our docks and waterfronts for the holiday weekend. This is something EVERYONE can participate in... fun for adults, children, grandchildren, and families! It's all part of this year's theme "We are Family". Use whatever you already have, so your family and friends can enjoy a festive weekend. You can decorate your docks and waterfronts for the weekend 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.) Families and friends can enjoy cruising around the lake on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights viewing and enjoying the lights.



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the White Lake Citizens League will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at the White Lake Township offices. One important part of this meeting is the nomination and election of residents to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors.

Any resident who is interested in serving on the Board of Directors is encouraged to contact President Tom De Santis by email at president@wlcl.org or by calling the **Hotline (248-887-5658)**. Residents who are 2014 members of the WLCL are eligible to vote at the meeting. Full details are in the Bylaws of the WLCL, which are available on the "Publications" page of the website.

Dredging Update

We are in the third year of the five-year Special Assessment District (SAD) funding cycle for our current dredging program - involving the channels from the North Bay to the Seven Harbors canal. While you may not have seen much visual activity so far, your Dredging Oversight Committee has been working very hard throughout the Winter planning the project and meeting with various entities needed for a successful and

cost-effective project.

In the early Spring, there will be additional sediment testing in the area, to help us determine the temporary (de-watering cycle) and final disposition sites for the material removed during dredging. Depending on the results of these tests (which have an impact on the ultimate cost of the project), we will determine the schedule for the remaining steps of the project.

Fishing

The 3rd Annual WLCL Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 7th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Registration starts at 6:00 am at the White Lake Inn, with a \$20.00 entry fee per boat. There is no limit to the number of fishermen on a boat, but the boat owner must be a resident on White Lake. Cash prizes will be awarded based on the largest combined weight of 3 fish per boat. All of the details and rules will be available on the website. This day is part of a Michigan Free Fishing Weekend, so anyone can participate without buying a license. Remember that "The White Lake Fisherman" writes a monthly fishing report available on the website. Just click on the "Fishing" tab on the left side of the website.

Home Tour

As long as we are able to find enough homes, the 5th Annual White Lake Home Tour will be held on Saturday, June 21st this year. As in the past, the tour will consist of a pontoon boat ride to each of the homes, wine and cheese on the boat, and guided tours of each of the homes. All proceeds benefit the WLCL fireworks.

Ticket sales will be changed somewhat this year to allow everyone a fairer chance for tickets. Changes will be announced in the e-newsletter (make sure you're subscribed) and on the website, along with pictures of the homes on the tour, as the time gets closer.

If you are willing to help with this significant fund raiser by showing off your home this year, contact communication@wlcl.org.

Watercraft Safety Inspections

On Saturday, June 14th, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct free Watercraft Safety

Inspections for WLCL members at various locations on White Lake. This is the third year that the WLCL has offered this service. To schedule an appointment to receive your USGC Vessel Safety Check decal, please send an email to dnrliaison@wlcl.org. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, and the type of watercraft(s) you want to have inspected. To learn more about what is covered in the inspections, follow the links on the home page of the website.

Sailing

Last year was a very successful and exciting sailing season on White Lake. The course was changed to avoid going around Youth Island, and the start process was changed to give the naturally slower single-hull boats a ten minute head start. This resulted in faster races and more exciting finishes.

The races this year will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM, starting in June. In the event of poor racing conditions, Thursday will be a make-up day. Anyone with a sailboat is welcome to participate. The course details and rules are on the "Sailing" page of the website.

We're sure that there are many sailors - and fans along the shoreline - looking forward to this year's White Lake Regatta. Congratulations to last year's trophy winners: Manuel Bartolo for multi-hull and the team of Harry and Skip Wagner for single-hull. If you are not already on the mailing lists for race updates, please contact Richard Gilbert at **248-887-2024** or email sailing@wlcl.org.

Buoy Ahoy!

We received generally positive comments last Summer about the marker buoys that the WLCL placed around the "Sunken Island" and in the

channel leading to the Seven Harbors canal. We plan to repeat this program this year, and hope to find a better method to anchor and attach the buoys. If you have expertise in this area, or if you are a scuba diver or know of a scuba diving club or class that would like to help out with this project, please let us know at communication@wlcl.org.

Marine Sheriff Patrols

For the 5th year, we will again sponsor lake patrols by the Oakland County Sheriff Marine Unit on weekends, holidays, and random weekdays this Summer. The cost of this program is paid from the Special Assessment District. Statistics and costs from the last 4 years are available on the "Sheriff Lake Patrols" page of the website.

While the feedback we receive indicates that residents appreciate this program and feel it generally enhances the safety of our lake, we realize that there are occasional complaints. We will be meeting with the Sheriff prior to the 2014 season, and will be happy to present your concerns or comments at that time. Please contact patrols@wlcl.org as we welcome your feedback.

Speaking of Safety ...

Remember that the law requires all traffic on the lake (including canals) to navigate in a counter-clockwise direction. "Slow, No Wake Speed" is required within 100 feet of shorelines, any moored or anchored vessel, a dock or raft, or any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water. All boats on difficult navigational canals must be docked parallel with the shoreline to allow accessible navigation. Besides being common courtesy, it is the law and is in place for the safety of us all. Check out the new "Boating Safety & Regulations" page on the website for links to many of the Michigan regulations regarding boating on inland lakes.

Weed Control

Are the Winters getting longer, or is it just our imagination? The cold often times this Winter seemed unbearable, however there is a positive associated with the cold, thick ice that resulted this year. Thick ice, blocking sunlight, usually leads to less weed growth the following season. That of course would lead to reduced need for weed treatment this Summer (and reduced costs).

Remember that the foundation of our chemical treatment strategy during the Spring and Summer months is to perform several routine surveys of the weed growth in all parts of the lake and canals. Based on these surveys, we treat specific weed problems in specific areas of the lake as they occur. For this reason, you may observe weed treatment applied to one area of the lake, while it is not applied to another. We also count on - and encourage - residents to phone our Hotline **(248-887-5658)** to report any weed concerns in the lake near their property.

If the ice **ever** melts this year, we will do an initial lake survey, and determine what - and where - initial treatments are needed. This year we will be using the standard chemicals for weed control. Sonar (Fluridone) will still not be used this year.

Protecting Your Inland Lake Shoreline: *Man vs. Nature*

We CAN all get along. The partnership of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Resources Commission (WRC), Oakland County Parks, MSU Extension, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Oakland Conservation District, and Wild Ones recently hosted a workshop on protecting the shorelines of inland lake properties. Did you know that Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes? An inland lake is a body of water that consists of 5 acres or more. Anything under that is considered a "pond."

Our inland lakes support 24 species of native amphibians, 25 reptiles, 87 birds, and 19 mammals, along with 65 native fish species, 18 of which are identified as species of greatest conservation need. Adding a natural shoreline insures them a "thrive and survive" environment. Poor

lakeshore habitat is the biggest problem these species face today, and adding a natural shoreline is not only beautiful, but important to ensure a healthy ecosystem.

We should all know about not applying any fertilizer within 5 feet of the shoreline, but there is more we can do. The cost of a standard seawall is significantly higher than a natural retainer - which begins with the use of "coir fiber logs" or "bio logs" (rolls of natural/biodegradable products such as coconut) supported by natural stakes such as tree limbs. From there, you backfill with gravel and clean top soil, then add "native plants" to the area. Permits are required from the DEQ (below the watermark) as well as your local township office (above the watermark). For more information about permits, visit www.michigan.gov/deq.

For more information on various native shoreline plants, visit www.mishorelinepartnership.org.

The reason so many lakefront owners are experiencing land erosion is that we have grown accustomed to having grass meet our shoreline, and a grass root is very short and will not prevent the erosion process. Consider the plant's root depth when planning your shoreline garden. For more information on land erosion, visit www.watershedcouncil.org.

It is surprising to learn all of the available options for shoreline planting that can greatly benefit a homeowner's property value as well as doing our part to ensure that our lake is healthy and thriving. We CAN all get along quite beautifully, in fact.

Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program

Thanks to dedicated volunteers, White Lake will again participate in the Michigan Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) in 2014. The results (shown in graphs on the "Water Quality & Weed Control" page of the website) indicate positive (improving) trends in Water Clarity (data going back to 1998) and Total Phosphorus (data going back to 2004).

In 2013, we also performed a survey and mapping of "Exotic Aquatic Plants", with the assistance of a biologist from the University of Michigan. The team sampled and identified invasive (non-native) plants in several sites around the lake, to establish benchmark data for treating these plants in the lake. We can always use more volunteers in these Exotic Plant watch activities. Please call the Hotline (248-887-5658) if you notice changes in weed growth in areas of the lake (rapid growth is a danger sign, especially if weed treatment has minimum effect).

RECYCLE Your Batteries

Steve Cemer and Darlene Mauer are WLCL members and owners of the Discount Battery locations at 1230 S. Milford Road, Highland, 2977 Dixie Highway, Waterford, and 2505 Union Lake Road, Commerce. Drop off your dead auto, truck, or boat battery at any of their locations, be sure to mention the WLCL, and Discount Battery will donate \$10.00 to the WLCL Fireworks Fund! No purchase is necessary. Call the Highland store at **(248) 714-6333** if you have any questions.

A BIG THANK YOU to these local businesses who supported the WLCL in 2013!

An updated list is always available on the "Community Businesses" page of our website. Many of the businesses also have a link to their website there.

ABC Printing Inc.

2983 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48386
(248) 887-0010

Abe's Storage

10433 N. Holly Road
Holly, MI 48442
(810) 694-7707

American Marine Shore Control

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

Americana Design Company Inc.

2961 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48386
(248) 889-1688

Aqua Weed Control, Inc.

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

Big Mike's Seasonal Services, LLC

P.O. Box 861
Highland, MI 48357
(248) 887-0917

Timothy A. Brendel Excavating

5450 Grass Lake Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-2116

Classic Design Concepts

28266 Beck Rd.
Wixom, MI, 48393
(866) 624-7997

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

Exclusive Floor Covering

2967 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 889-4350

Exclusive Hardwood Flooring

2045 E. Commerce Road
Commerce Township, MI 48382
(248) 363-9933

Famous Market

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

Formula For Fitness

White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 787-2853

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

Huron Valley State Bank

2920 East Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-9900

Kothari Business Consulting

2100 Duck Lake Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 889-8244

Lakes Area Glass

312 W. Commerce Road
Milford, MI, 48381
(248) 684-7550

Jay-Cor Candle Company

3580 Reserve Court
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 939-1408

Jet's Pizza

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

Marine Concepts of Michigan, LLC

775 N. Milford Road
Highland, MI 48357
(248) 933-2876

The Mitchell Team, Inc.

560 N. Milford Road
Milford, MI 48381
(248) 467-1185

MTL & Associates

2998 Summit Drive
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 889-0301

Neighborhood Dump Trailer Rental

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

Pet Suppliers

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

Roof-Rite Roofing, Inc.

1036 Benstein Road, Suite 107
Walled Lake, MI 48390
(248) 668-9151

S & D Seasonal Services

9988 Sedlock Street
White Lake, MI 48386
(248) 467-0023

Sparkies Bar and Grill

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

Stanton Business Forms, Inc.

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

Synergy Electric LLC

777 N. Milford Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 941-4296

Tantrum Salon

5951 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-8338

TPC Lawn & Landscape, Inc.

Box 838
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 634-8272

Waterfall Jewelers II

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

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

Wolfenbarger Development Co.

2335 Ridge Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 330-4775

Woodward Auto

45671 Woodward Avenue
Pontiac, MI 48341
(248) 334-6400

*Businesses donating \$50 or more to the WLCL are listed here and on our website. To add your business, please use the special **Business Contribution Form**, which is available at www.wlcl.org/business.shtml.*

2014 Membership Dues and Contributions

Membership dues and General Fund contributions should be remitted now. The annual membership dues are \$25 per household. General Fund donations go to our annual firework show and board 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 _____ Email _____

(to receive email newsletters, also click the "Subscribe" link on the website)

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Tour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Beautification | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | |

Please make checks payable to WLCL

BUSINESS DONATIONS: Please send separately from household membership dues, and clearly indicate your business name on the check. A special form is available on the website. Businesses donating \$50.00 or more will be listed on the website and in the Current newsletter.



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STAYING IN TOUCH

Since this printed newsletter is only mailed once a year, there are several other ways to receive information about White Lake activities, programs, and concerns during the rest of the year:

- Our primary communications medium is our periodic email newsletter, which is currently sent to over 460 email addresses. If you're not receiving these emails, click on the "Subscribe" link at the bottom of the home page of the website. (You don't need to be a member of the WLCL to receive these emails.)
- Our Facebook page already has well over 100 followers. Click on the "follow us on facebook" link on the left side of the website, or enter "WLCL" in the search field at the top of your own Facebook page to find our page.
- Of course, the website (**www.wlcl.org**) continues to grow and provide residents and visitors with a wealth of information about the lake and area resources. If you haven't visited it lately, come back and check out what's new! We always welcome your suggestions for additional information.

(www.wlcl.org)



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**NEWS AND IMPORTANT
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CURRENT RESIDENT OR



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GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE WLCL

We maintain several email addresses which you can use when you have specific comments and questions for the WLCL

- communication@wlcl.org - general comments and questions for the WLCL
- DNRLiaison@wlcl.org - questions about DNR policies and programs
- fishing@wlcl.org - questions and comments for "The White Lake Fisherman"
- membership@wlcl.org - questions about WLCL membership
- patrols@wlcl.org - concerns and comments about the Sheriff Marine Patrols
- president@wlcl.org - direct line to the WLCL President
- sailing@wlcl.org - information about sailing and the sailboat races

The WLCL Hotline (248-887-5658) is available from April to November to report concerns about weeds in your area, and for general comments, concerns, and suggestions.