

Emerald Lakes Village Update

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IronKids and Mini-Triathlon Provide Lots of Fun

By Amber Barbieri, *Mini-Triathlon Co-Chair*



Bravo! Twenty children came out and gave it their all on Sunday, July 14th, braving the blazing heat to compete in the fourth annual IronKids event! Nine athletes took on the new, extended swimming, biking, and running courses in the Advanced portion of IronKids. Novice and Intermediate competitors also had an extended swim this year compared to previous races.

Special acknowledgement to Oberweis for sponsoring our mightiest athletes; Mark Barbieri, Jill Chrobak and Amanda Vizzini for assisting competitors along the course; Amber Barbieri for award crafting and race coordinating, ELV for the use of Walker Beach, and Laura Mohamed as the official timekeeper!

The results:

Advanced

1st Alex Chrobak 13:32
1st Laura Kuechle 14:24
2nd William Gentner 14:32
3rd Lucas Chrobak 14:48
Julius Barbieri 15:09
Colin Blachford 15:29
2nd Liana Whilby 16:19
David Souldatos 17:30
Desmond Miller 17:46
Tristan Danpollo —

Intermediate

1st Anola Schickenmeyer 5:45
1st Jacob Chrobak 6:08
2nd Kyla Whilby 6:58
3rd Arianna Schickenmeyer 7:42
Makayla Vizzini 8:47
Magdalena Miller 8:53
Grace Piazza 9:17
Sebastian Bicego —

Novice

1st Crosby Bicego 0:58
1st Yazmine Barbieri 1:05

Cheer Section

Sebastian Bicego
Desmond Danpollo



Friendly competition, beautiful evening weather, and a new course due to construction brought together our competitors for our 17th annual mini triathlon! Our competitors consisted of new and old ELV residents, parents and children, and siblings and friends. Bragging rights to all those that completed the .20 mile swim, 5.8 miles of biking, and 1.8 mile run. This year featured the fastest time recorded thus far, as well as one of the youngest athletes to EVER PLACE in the Mini-Triathlon!

Special thank you to our hosts Mark and Amber Barbieri; our lifeguards, Amber Barbieri and Audrey Stenback; Dave Priest for manning the grill, the Stenback Crew for keeping our athletes hydrated along the course; ELV spectators and cheer squad; Laura Mohamed the “Keeper of Time” with assistance from Amanda Vizzini; Matt and Christie Dombrowski for supplying the music and sound system; and Amber Barbieri for her crafty and highly coveted Loofahs. And, last but certainly not least, Oberweis for awarding our Mini-Triathlon athletes with free ice cream certificates! Those taking home the Loofahs were:

Men

1st Derik Nelson 35:53
2nd Mitchell Gorski 36:58
3rd Collin Barrow (12 years old!) 37:00



Women

1st Martha Nelson 42:06
2nd Courtney Jesnig 50:24
3rd Emily Ause 55:06



Special Recognition to Matt Dombrowski for starting and continuing to race and support the Mini-Triathlon for 17 years! Your enthusiasm, love, and spirit for the Mini-Triathlon are contagious! “THANK YOU, MATT,” from all of us that have been a part of this event over the last 17 years!

Trash Can Creep

More than one resident has pointed out to the Board that there has been a growing unsightliness around the village this year with trash, recycling, and compost cans being left out all week in front of garages or in locations visible from the street.

One of the reasons Emerald Lakes Village is a desirable place to live is because of the well-kept appearance of residents’ yards, which includes the storage of all containers preferably inside the garage or at the very least out of sight from the street. Given the streets wrapping around lakes and many corner lots this can get a bit tricky, but we’re all smart and clever and we’re sure people can come up with creative and acceptable solutions to hide their trash cans that work for their yard and keep the village looking nice. If you can’t fit your refuse containers inside your garage hide them behind tall shrubs or a half wall that may be attached to your garage, behind your chimney, or a permissible fence (see Restrictions Agreement at

www.elvsite.com and get Board approval), **Contact Restrictions Chairman Charlie Blaeske at ELVrestrictions@gmail.com for approval before purchasing and installing any fencing.** Let’s put the trash can creep back where it belongs — out of sight.



Welcome, Neighbors!

By Andrea Allemon, *Membership*



If you have recently moved into Emerald Lakes Village (or know of someone who has) please contact me at 248-879-1111 or Andrea48085@yahoo.com, so I can greet you and provide you with important information about our village.

Directories, Swim Tags, Beach Permits



You can pick up an ELV directory at Andrea's, 1586 Pebble Point (call ahead, 248-879-1111) or grab one out of the green ELV mailbox on the side of Kathleen's driveway on Lovell. Our street address is 6653 Emerald Lake.

Swim tags and party permits for the use of one of our beach lots are also available from Andrea. Remember, there is no cooking or grilling, glass containers, or alcohol allowed on Association beach lots.

Lakes Report

Lake Treatments

Crystal, Emerald, Sandshores, and Walker were treated August 5 and are scheduled to be treated again on August 26. Andale and Pebble are scheduled to be treated August 12 and September 3. All dates are subject to change due to weather issues. Blue dye may be added (it was for the August 5 treatment) during these treatments (except for Walker Lake). Residents should be cautious when in the water as there is decreased water clarity and reduced visibility with the use of the dye. The dye is used to shade the water, blocking sunlight to slow plant growth.

If treatment dates change, Lakes Chairman Tom Kuhn will post the new dates in the Community section at www.Facebook.com/ELVresidents and send out an email to ELV Google Group members. If you would like to join the ELV Google Group email Allan at allanboots@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions or issues with any lakes call your Lake Rep (listed on the first page of the ELV Directory) or contact Tom at 248-227-2462 or tekuhn@aol.com.

Correction to Lake Rake List

Last month there were a couple of errors in the list of which Lake Reps have lake rakes to lend out. Please note the following corrections: On Pebble Lake, Joe Power (not Tom Kuhn), 248-879-8344, has a lake rake and on Walker Lake Matt Dombrowski does have a lake rake. Lake rakes are great for pulling weeds out of the water, whether the weeds are attached or floating.

Carp Catching Contest - A Family Affair

Steve Gentner, with much help from his son, Will, has now caught 21 carp, moving him ahead of his father, Bob, by one carp. Dan Dombrowski remains the top carp catcher with 30.

Email a photo of your carp catch to Joe Lowry at lowry2k2@comcast.net. Be sure to include your name, the number of carp caught, and the lake you caught them on. **If you catch any bass release them back into the lake.**

Creek Speak



August and September are the time to spray Phragmites that may be growing in the creek behind your house. You can spray them yourself by purchasing AquaNeat from LakePro or hire LakePro or another company to spray them. LakePro's number is 810-635-4400. Phragmites are a highly invasive perennial grass which can grow as high as 19'. You can see how invasive they are by looking across John R from the fire station.

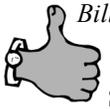
If you have Purple Loosestrife growing creekside it should be removed. It is 2-5' high with magenta/purple flower spikes. First remove all the flowering spikes by bending them over a plastic garbage bag and cutting them off into the bag. Pull out the remainder of the plant by hand and place it into the garbage bag and seal the bag. Remove as much of the root system as possible, because broken roots may sprout new plants. Do not put loosestrife in your compost can. If you need help identifying either of these plants call Kathleen 248-879-7364.

Special Projects/Maintenance

- The sprinkler system on Walker Beach has been repaired.
- A trench drain running in a southwestern direction from the base of the sidewalk at Walker Beach will be installed to catch water that funnels down the sidewalk from both sides of the beach lot. This is to stop the erosion to the sandy beach caused by water cascading over the wall.

Tree/Shrub Removal		Weed Management
Stump Grinding		Micro Injections
Trimming	All State Tree & Lawn Service Inc.	Phosphorus-Free Fertilizing
Tree Care		Consultation
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		Insect/Disease Control
Jamie Hay Certified Arborist		(248) 689-5750 www.allstatetree.com

Recommendation



Bill Drake writes: I would like to recommend **Lawrence Plumbing** for backflow assembly testing. Shannon did a great job! Our neighbor was also pleased with the job Shannon did.

Community Spirit

Make Your ELV Board Nominations

Nominations for ELVHA Board positions are now being collected by our Nominating Committee. Descriptions of the Board of Directors positions as well as those for our Standing Committees can be found in our Association Bylaws at www.elvsite.com under "Policies."

If you are interested in running for a ELVHA Board position or know someone that you believe would be beneficial on the Board contact Nominating Committee members Rosemary Reeves at rgreeves@wowway.com or Anne Clark at anduclark@aol.com.

Cutting Up Old Paddleboats & More

Doug Haxer and crew will cut up your old paddleboat, basketball or flag pole, sailboat, old satellite dish, or other large outdoor items into pieces that the trash man will haul away. Call Doug at 248-390-0540, to set up a demolition day.

Supplies Needed

- Many **3" plastic, nursery pots**. Doug Haxer will have ~200 water lilies ready for planting in select areas on our lakes next spring. Drop pots off at Doug's, 6173 Emerald Lake Drive. No large pots, please.
- **Garden hose and 5-gallon buckets** for fish attractors. Contact Charlie Blaeske, ELVrestrictions@gmail.com.

Classified Ads

childcare

- **Rochester College student with babysitting experience** and has her own vehicle. Contact **Grace** at 248-376-4817. Text is preferred.

For Sale

- Black **marble table** with 2 pedestals, ~78" L x 39" W, and **6 black chairs** with cushions. Black **china cabinet** with 6 glass doors. Price for all is \$395, reasonable offer accepted. Contact Nesreen at 248-853-1966 or nesreen_s2000@yahoo.com.
- **Rattan furniture**. 5 pc., off-white set with cushions, excellent condition. Call 248-879-1477.
- **Sunfish sailboat**. Almost new sail, all parts intact. Easy to sail, even for beginners. Best offer. Call to see it 248-390-0540.
- Durable vinyl, **inflatable kayak**, \$10. Call Kathleen, 248-879-7364.
- **Artwork that can be imprinted on mugs, pillows, stickers**, etc. to help fund student's art school education. Go to www.society6.com and enter Brianna Naughton in the text box.

Home Services

- **Curious to see how your house may sell in this market? Call Scott Wetzel at 248-709-1179**, with Key Realty and set your appointment today. We can see what is the correct action to take to best fit your needs.
- Thinking of **selling your home or looking to buy?** Contact me for a FREE market analysis of what your home is worth in today's market. ELV resident, Bruce, with Real Estate One, 248-761-0697.
- If you're **thinking of making that move to a warmer climate or simply want to downsize**, call the MacFadyen Team. Residents Ann and

David, experienced Keller Williams realtors, take pride in their team approach; after all two is better than one! Call us today at 231-206-2849 (David) or 248-840-9419 (Ann).

Looking to Purchase

- **Foam swim pads for the lake**. Please call Bob Gentner, 734-560-0469.

Other Services

- ELV resident, Steve, will **pick up, repair, and deliver your cell phone**, usually the same day. Twenty-eight years experience in the cell phone business. Call or text, 248-991-5057.
- *Having a kid's birthday party?* **Lilian's Balloon Animals** is the way to go. Liliana is a ELV teenager, passionate for balloon animals, and loves to make them for others. If interested, please contact her at ljtasich@wowway.com or 586-909-1160.
- Emerald Lakes Senior Services, LLC is offering **transportation by appointment to or from your home to Detroit Metro or Flint Bishop** airports to all ELV residents. Each trip is priced at \$55. Call or text ELV resident "Hank" at 248-891-1108.
- **BEMER Physical Vascular Therapy** enhances blood flow and improves wellbeing! Call for 3 complimentary sessions with Ilene, 248-854-8332; John, 248-765-0318; or Lynn, 248-765-7012.



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TROY, MI 48085

JAMMIN' IN THE PARK

For musicians & music lovers

Thursday, August 22

Thursday, September 12

Emerald Beach on Lyster Lane, ~6-8 pm

Key Fob Security Update

Security Chairman Joe Lowry reports that aluminum foil will not protect your key fob from having the codes stolen from it. There isn't enough density in aluminum foil to fully block the signal. You can still try using a signal blocking wallet or pouch, but you should try unlocking your car door to see if those do really work.

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