

Emerald Lakes Village Update



July 2019

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ELV FUNDAY



**PIZZA,
CHIPS, COOKIES,
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Juice Boxes,
Water**

**Thursday, August 15th
6-8 pm, Walker Beach - Rain or Shine**

**OBSTACLE
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Register by August 8 so we know how much food to get.

No other reminders before registration deadline.

TEXT or call CHARLENE at 248-688-4257 or email charstillings@comcast.net with your name, phone number, and how many adults & children are attending.

Also, please text, call or email CHARLENE if you can VOLUNTEER to make cookies, Rice Krispie treats, or brownies or if you can help the day of the event at the registration table, drink table, food table, ice cream table or with set-up or clean-up.



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Treasurer's Report

Megan Marx, Treasurer

Income:	Jan. — June 2019	YTD Budget
Dues, Current Year*	\$93,960	\$99,400
Late fees, liens	525	450
Advertising	2,840	1,520
Interest	<u>108</u>	<u>180</u>
Total:	\$97,433	\$101,550

Expenses:	Jan. — June 2019	YTD Budget
Lakes	\$13,488	\$35,245
Maintenance	8,125	15,580
Special Projects	1,272	15,000
Security	0	500
Utilities	592	1,125
Business	5,525	4,796
Children's Social	<u>172</u>	<u>400</u>
Total:	\$29,174	\$72,646

*Two dues payments for 2019 are outstanding.
One of these houses has been sold so we will be receiving payment soon.

ELVHA financial records have been given to Sue Beach and Tom Fields for review.

Thank you to Kelli Mattson for the photos.

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.

Pick up our new ELV directory at Andrea's, 1586 Pebble Point (call ahead) or grab one out of the green ELV mailbox on the side of Kathleen's driveway, which is on Lovell. Our street address is 6653 Emerald Lake.

Security

Crimes of Opportunity

On June 14 between midnight and 6 am unknown suspect(s) entered unlocked cars at 5 locations on Walker and Sandshores Drive, stealing loose change and other items. Remember to lock your cars and garage doors, both the door into your garage and into your house from the garage.

Resident Ilona Rosehart has also brought it to my attention that potential car thieves can use a device to steal information from your car's key fob and gain entry to your car or even steal your car. You should store your fob inside a metal container or keep it snugly wrapped in foil when in your pocket or purse. A signal blocking wallet or pouch would also work. Try unlocking your car door to see if your signal-blocking method works.

Neighborhood Watch

Emerald Lakes Village is a Neighborhood Watch Community. The definition of Neighborhood Watch is group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together and in conjunction with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. In practical terms it means that we are aware enough of our neighbors and their activities to know when something is amiss.

We know when there are suspicious people or suspicious activities in our surroundings and we are smart enough to act on it by calling the police.

"Neighborhood Watch" can also simply be helpful. When a resident told Jim Charnawskas that there were many large boxes sitting on another neighbor's porch in plain sight of all driving by — friend and foe alike — Jim knew that this could be a crime waiting to happen and took action by contacting the neighbor at work whereby Jim was then able to put the packages inside the neighbor's garage.

Earlier in the month the same neighbor noticed that the Charnawskas' drove away and left their garage door open. This neighbor closed the garage door. Again, Neighborhood Watch in action!

With the construction on John R there are many non-residents driving through ELV. Please be watchful and take action if you see any suspicious people or activity. If it is an emergency call 911 or you can call the Troy Police at their non-emergency number, 248-524-3477.

Swim Tags, Party Permits & Non-Residents at Neighborhood Beaches



Residents, if you are using one of our neighborhood beaches please **have your swim tag prominently displayed**. Non-residents have been seen fishing on our lakes and there is some concern that they may be removing bass. Security

Chairman Joe Lowry says that if you see someone at a beach lot that you don't recognize as a resident and/or they do not have a swim tag call the Troy Police on their non-emergency number, 248-524-3477, and report them as trespassers on private property.

You can pick up your swim tags or party permit from Andrea. Contact her at 248-879-1111 or andrea48085@yahoo.com. Each swim tag allows you to bring 2 guests to the beach, but you must stay with your guests.

If you would like to host a party at one of our beach lots you will need a permit. Be aware that although you have permission to have a large number of people at the beach you will not have exclusive use of the beach lot.

Cooking or grilling, glass containers, nor alcohol are permitted at Association beach lots.

Special Projects & Maintenance

- The sprinkler system on Walker Beach will be repaired now that the wall work there is done. A third picnic table will be added at Walker Beach.
- Our 3 landscaped entrances, 13 cul-de-sacs, and 3 beach lots will be reviewed in the coming months to determine if improvements need to be made. If you have any landscaping ideas for any of the Association properties, please email Special Projects Chairman Matt Dombrowski at mattdombrowski@yahoo.com.

Lakes Report

Lake Treatments

Andale and Pebble lakes were not treated as scheduled July 8 due to wet launch sites. Instead they are scheduled to be treated on July 15 along with our other four lakes to prevent algae and unwanted plant growth. Andale and Pebble are scheduled to be treated again July 29 and August 12. Crystal, Emerald, Sandshores, and Walker are scheduled to be treated August 5. All dates are subject to change due to weather issues.

If treatment dates change, Tom Kuhn will post the new dates in the Community section at www.Facebook.com/ELVresidents. The complete list of treatment dates can be seen under "Lakes" at www.elvsite.com. If you have any questions or issues with any lakes call or text Tom at 248-227-2462 or tekuhn@aol.com.

Did You See?



Conditions were finally right (i.e. no rain for a few days) so Atlas Painting could get out and stencil curbs 90 times with the notification not to dump anything into the street storm drains. This should be an obvious warning to contractors so they do not wash cement into the drains or to landscapers not to sweep dirt down the drain, but you should also remind your lawn service company to sweep fertilizer out of the streets and if you have your carpet cleaned make sure the cleaning company does not empty their tanks down the drain (especially in the winter if the stencils are covered by snow). And if you need to drain your swimming pool, the street drains are not the place to send your water. Contact the DPW (248-524-3392) to see if there is an approved sewer drain near your pool.

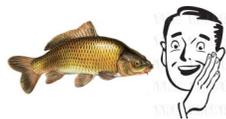


Beautiful purple pickerelweed is blooming on ELV lakes. Despite its name, pickerelweed is a desirable water plant that has been purchased by the Association (along with arrowhead and other flowering water plants) and planted by LakePro to help improve our water quality and fish populations. If interested in having flowering water plants along your shoreline contact Tom at tekuhn@aol.com.

Do You Have . . . ?

Last July fish attractors were purchased and 3 each were placed in both Pebble and Walker lakes to help improve our fish population and lake water quality. Fish attractors protect small bait fish and provide structure for larger fish. The recommendation of Jeff Braunscheidel, MDNR Fisheries Biologist, is to provide one fish attractor for each one surface acre of lake, placed together in a lesser used area of the lake. So, for example, Walker Lake is almost 17 acres in surface area so there should be 17 fish attractors in the lake. These artificial structures can be quite expensive, but Charlie Blaeske has come up with an excellent do-it-yourself idea to build some, but we could use your help in providing supplies. If you have old garden hose or 5-gallon plastic buckets to donate to this project please contact Charlie at ELVrestrictions@gmail.com.

Did You Hear?



Dan Dombrowski seems to be "the carp whisperer" as he has claimed the lead in our carp catching contest now having hauled in 30 carp, leading Bob Gentner by 10 at press time. Steve Zygolewski and Steve Gentner remain at 8 carp each. Email a photo of you with your carp catch to lowry2k2@comcast.net and I'll put it in the newsletter. 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.** They are important to our lakes.

Did You Know? - Lake Residents Pleas

Residents on Sandshores Lake and Emerald Lake would like to remind all lakeside residents:

- Please remember when you live on our lakes you are responsible to clean out leaves, grass, and other debris that fall in the lake by your home. And it would also be a really good idea not to throw things like watermelon rinds and cigarette butts in the lake either. This is for the good of all the lakes. It helps to keep them clean. Without everyone's help, we will lose our beautiful lakes. Just because you have a seawall, does not mean that they shouldn't be cleaning the water by your wall or shore. A lake rake is available from a Lake Rep on each lake for you to borrow. Please use it and then return it for the next person to use. It is large, with a long handle and works quite well. Tell whomever cuts your lawn to make sure grass does not go into our lakes.
- I wish residents that have trees and flowering bushes close to the lake would consider moving them or trimming them, all the debris that falls off them, floats to neighboring beaches or sinks into the lake, thus filling in our lakes, making them more shallow and less desirable.
- Also, know that the more you get out into the water and walk around and swim around and paddle around the better it is for your shoreline and the water quality of your lake.

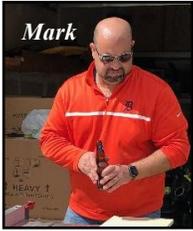
If you would like to borrow a lake rake contact your Lake Rep. Lake rakes are great for pulling attached or floating weeds out of the water.

Also contact your Lake Rep or Lakes Chairman Tom Kuhn (248-227-2462 or tekuhn@aol.com) to praise the conditions of the lakes or report any lake problems (weeds, algae, etc.).

Lake	Lake Rep	Lake Rake	Number (248)
Emerald Lake	Nancy Krisfalusi	Yes	879-9034
	Dan Dombrowski	Yes	633-3452
Andale Lake	Jerry Redmer 6277 Atkins Rake in back of house. Welcome to get it.	Yes	705-1855
	John Martin	Yes	828-3651
Crystal Lake & Emerald Beach	Ken Grand Rake to left of stairs in backyard.	Yes	854-5509
	Eckart Leitner	No	879-8719
Pebble Lake	Tom Kuhn	Yes	227-2462
Sandshores Lake & Beach	John Schmitt Rake on beach lot near trash can	No	879-7884
Walker Lake & Beach	Matt Dombrowski	No	219-1383
	Megan Marx	Yes	250-6794
	Tim & Ann McLain	Yes	885-0662
	Rake for beach lot behind Arbor vitae.		

Community Spirit

Our Little Lending Library Defines Community Spirit



Through the efforts of many ELV residents we now have another way to bring people of our village together — this time through our Little Lending Library on Emerald Lake Court. With Jeannette Eve and Nancy Krisfalusi bringing the idea to the Association Board and agreeing to be stewards of the library, planning began. Gary Garland designed and built the library — with help and tools from Mark Walters and Don Berg — for only the cost of the materials. Ken Grand and Gary installed the library on Emerald Lake Court with a bit of difficulty as they had to break through a large underground rock to get the post in deep enough. (And it seemed like such an easy location at first glance.)

The library was designed to hold larger children's books as well as paperback books for adults to select or share. Parents and grandparents can walk to the LLL with kids in tow, sit on the bench, and enjoy a book there or select a book to bring home. Adults could meet and discuss which books they like. We ask that you donate books:

- with wide appeal that many people will be interested in
- 1 or 2 at a time (leave room for others to donate books, too)
- that are in good condition

The Board is going to see how this LLL goes (amount of use, no vandalism) before having others built and installed in other areas of the village. However, if you live on a court or cul-de-sac and would like to have a LLL installed there or you are willing to volunteer to build or steward a LLL please contact Kathleen at jbk Troy@aol.com. Gary learned a lot building this LLL and is willing to act as a consultant for other builders.

More projects like this, involving groups of residents, would be great for ELV and build the camaraderie of an already great neighborhood — truly continuing to make us a village. Thank you to all of you that made this Little Lending Library a reality.

Board Member Resigns

Recording Secretary Patsy Muzzell has resigned. Patsy has been an excellent recording secretary for the Association, serving since 2016. Thank you, Patsy, for all the time you have devoted as recording secretary and in working on Sandshores Lake. Karen Charnawskas, who was our recording secretary from 2009-2015, has graciously volunteered to return and has been appointed to the position by the Board until elections in the fall.

ELV Garage Sale

Thank you to Darlene Mehrer, who organized our village-wide garage sale. Thirty-nine residents paid to cover cost of advertising and signage. The ELVHA Board really appreciates Darlene's work in bringing this event together for the village. Hope everyone had a fun time! I know I enjoyed going around visiting with neighbors and buying delicious lemonade at the stand on beautiful Pebble Point cul-de-sac!

Helpful Neighbors

A huge THANK YOU to Irene Walter and Irena Mlynarz, who frequently clean Sandshores Beach and rake leaves out of the water there. The ELVHA Board, other beach goers, and Sandshores Lake residents truly appreciate your work!

Eagle Project Bottle Drive Update

Cameron Hachigian writes: Thank you to all the ELV residents who donated bottles and cans for my Eagle Project fundraiser. Your generosity helped me raise almost \$1500 toward my project of building a portable stage for St. Anastasia to be used for outdoor concerts, sermons and other events. Construction begins later this month.

ELV Google Group

If you would like to join the ELV Google Group, email Allan at allanboots@yahoo.com. You can receive information about changes in the lake treatment schedule, lost or found pets, and other timely information from the Board or other residents.

Hey! These Guys are Good!



An appreciative audience provided plenty of applause for talented ELV musicians Gary Garland, Bob Gentner, Rob Cameron who were "Jammin' in the Park" at Emerald

Beach (on Lyster Lane) Thursday evening, July 11. The guys plan to continue jammin' every 2nd and 4th Thursday from about 6 pm— 8 pm weather permitting. Gary, Bob, and Rob are all really good guitar players and vocalists. They invite other musicians to join them (contact Gary at 248-217-7318 or ggarland007@gmail.com or Bob at 734-560-0469 or bbgentner@gmail.com for more info.) and welcome all residents to drop by. There is a picnic table and plenty of lawn space at Emerald Beach to put down a blanket and enjoy the music.

Kensington Run for the Hope Water Project Results

Did you know that nearly 800 people ran through ELV the morning of June 22nd in the Hope Water Project 5K run sponsored by Kensington Church? If you don't live on the race route you probably didn't.

And the winner is . . . over 4000 people in two African communities that will be getting clean water from wells constructed as a result of the funds raised.

The Marx family, Matt and Christie Dombrowski, and Dave and Ann McFayden from ELV participated in the run and many neighbors on the route came out to cheer.

The ELVHA Board thought this was a well organized event with minimal impact on ELV residents for a very good cause. If you have any comments please email them to Kathleen at jbk Troy@aol.com.

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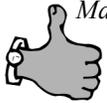
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Company Recommendations

Some good information from our residents about residents that advertise in our newsletter as well as another company:



Karen Jamieson writes: We had a 4' x 3' mirror glued to a bathroom wall that needed to be removed. We contacted Affordable Glass & Mirror Co. (248-242-2171) on Auburn Road. The owner, Charles, came to our home within an hour and in less than two minutes the mirror was off the wall and on its way to his truck. He also installs Euro showers, mirrors, glass table tops, etc. I highly recommend this company. Charles has been in the business for 30 years and his pricing is very fair and reasonable. He also has special rates for seniors.



Matt Dombrowski writes: I would like to recommend ELV resident Steve Zygolewski (248-991-5057) for cell phone repairs. I recently had my cell phone glass replaced for a reasonable cost. I was able to drop my phone off right at his house for convenient service. My phone was properly repaired in 2 hours.



Scott Wetzel writes: I would like to give a BIG recommendation for Hank, owner of Emerald Lakes Senior Services, LLC (248-891-1108). He provided great service while taking me to Metro Airport for a flight out. He was timely, courteous and I felt safe with him behind the wheel. I am always letting others know of his service, so book him while you still can. Thanks, Hank!

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For Sale

- **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.
- Assembled **1939 red convertible, MGB London Roadster**, in good condition. \$8,500. Call Philip at 248-515-6509.
- Solid wood **loft bed** (includes desk & dresser all in one), \$200. Call or text Kathy at 313-520-9585. (CORRECTED PHONE NUMBER)

Home Services

- 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).
- **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.**

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.
- 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.

Other Services

- **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.

Help Make-A-Wish

Rick Jones is raising funds for Make-A-Wish. Please help by **donating bottles or cans** for deposit refund. Drop them off at 1888 Smallbrook or call 248-879-2490 for pick up.

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