

Emerald Lakes Village Update



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Community Spirit Continues

As we continue to physically distance ourselves and learn to adapt and live dealing with a pandemic there are still things going on in the village — some organized by the Association Board and others by residents that lift the spirits of us all. Window and door art continues to impress.

Feeling Good in the Neighborhood

There was excitement in the air as children holding signs out the backs of SUVs, from the windows of minivans, and out sunroofs waited for the parade to begin. Nearly 20 vehicles festively decorated with signs and balloons gathered fortuitously in front of my house on Emerald Lake Drive on the gloriously sunny morning of April 27. There was even a trombone player in the back of a pickup truck! “What is going on here?” I asked.

“It’s a birthday parade!” was the reply. A brilliant idea organized by ELV moms during this time of no gatherings of non-family members in the same room, the parade slowly drove past the homes of Michael Dennis and Blake Phillips who I am sure were thrilled by the event, creating a birthday party for them they won’t ever forget! And it sure looked like a fun time for the participants and I, as an observer, felt very fortunate to be able to enjoy such a happy event.



Carp Catching Contest

In the first month of our annual Carp Catching Contest an awesome group of young and older fishermen have taken to our lakes to make them better by removing carp. The tally as of the morning of May 7: Alex and Quinn Lowry = 11, Will Gentner = 6, Nathan Johnson = 4, Brady Roskelly = 2, Gavin and Breiden Blaeske = 2, Bob Gentner = 2, Brayden Mattson = 1, and Julian Miller = 1. If you would like to enter our contest simply text a photo of yourself and/or your carp catch to Joe Lowry at 248-867-6797. He will be keeping the tally through the year.

Be sure to include your name, the number of carp caught, and the lake you caught them on. **At the end of the season a prize will be awarded to the person under 18 years of age that has caught the most carp.** Adult and youth winners will be recognized in the newsletter. **If you catch any bass release them back into the lake.**



Book Club Via Zoom

The ELV Book Club will be meeting on Zoom on May 27th at 7 pm. Contact Lynn Drake at 248-459-1648 or ldrakeathome@hotmail.com so she can send you an invitation for the Zoom meeting. The book this month is *Oona Out of Order* by Margarita Montimore. Bring your favorite drink and snack to your computer screen to enjoy during the meeting.

Cutting Up Old Paddleboats & More

After Memorial Day Doug Haxer and crew will cut your old paddleboat, basketball 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.



Welcome, Neighbors!

By Andrea Allemon, *Membership Chairwoman*

As we work through this time of “Stay Home, Stay Safe” I would still like to welcome you to the village via phone and tell you about our wonderful neighborhood. Please call me at 248-879-1111 or email me at Andrea48085@yahoo.com.

It Begins With One Step

Thank you to those of you who have removed the clutter from the exterior of your house. There is still more work for some of you to do. Items should be stored in your garage or behind a Board approved dog run type enclosure or in an approved exterior storage container located up against the house at the rear of your property. In special circumstances other locations may be approved by the Board. No sheds are allowed. Acceptable storage containers are to be constructed of all-weather plastic material, to be 4’ or less in height, 4’ or less wide and 3’ or less in depth and be in accordance with ELV Restrictions on maintaining a harmonious landscape and not hindering the view of the lake in any direction. **Restrictions violations are subject to fines. Please contact Restrictions Chairman Charlie Blaeske at ELVRestrictions@gmail.com if you have any questions and/or for Board review of your storage plans or any outdoor work.**



Cleaning your garage may be a big job, but not if you take it one small step at a time. Spend 15-30 minutes a day or every time you go into the garage pick out an item that you can throw away. Ceiling storage is a good way to clear floor space for garbage, compost or recycling cans. Or perhaps an upright bike stand could help or maybe you can build or place a storage unit under a deck for water toys.



Special Projects

Special Projects Chairman Matt Dombrowski has secured bids for the replacement of the brick wall on Emerald Beach from Northern Expressions, Domenico Brick Paving and Landscape, Todd Services, and Landscape Services, Inc. The Board is reviewing the quotes and thoughts are that the work will be scheduled to be done after Labor Day.

Lakes Report

By Tom Kuhn, *Lakes Chairman*

Studying Laminar Flow Aeration for Sandshores Lake & Others

Based on information in a report on water quality management of Sandshores Lake by Dr. Jennifer Jones of Restorative Lake Sciences the Board has set up a committee to evaluate laminar flow aeration (LFA) and to seek quotes from a number of vendors. The committee includes Board members Joe Power, John Martin, Kathleen Donovan, and Tom Kuhn. The committee has gotten quotes from four vendors and will continue to investigate the different proposed LFA systems and their effectiveness. Dr. Jones’ report, as well as an aeration study by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation found by the committee, are posted on our website, www.elvsite.com, under Lake Articles.

To install an LFA system requires a special permit from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE formerly DEQ) for any lake over five acres. Sandshores is just under ten acres. The EGLE permit requires extensive testing the year prior to installation of any LFA system, so the Board is currently going out to bid for that LFA testing to take place this year on Sandshores. Once the testing is completed in the fall, if the Board decides, a vendor could proceed with the permitting process at EGLE. If the testing and permitting are successful, the ELV Board could decide to get a permit over the winter and a new LFA system could be installed next year on Sandshores. If the system provides the results suggested by Dr. Jones, the Board could then determine whether to expand LFA systems to the other lakes in the village.

Lake Treatments, Blue Dye, & Possible Green Hue

LakePro will conduct treatment of all the lakes six times during the spring and summer. LakePro’s first treatment this year was May 4. Treatment dates for June are June 1st and June 29. All treatment dates are scheduled for Mondays, but are subject to change due to weather or other circumstances. If treatment dates change, Tom Kuhn will post the new dates in the Community section at www.Facebook.com/ELVresidents.

Blue dye may be added 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.

Sandshores Lake may have a green hue to it at some point this year (as it did on occasion last year) as the treatment plan is designed to reduce blue-green algae growth by allowing some green algae to grow. If you have any questions regarding our lakes contact Lakes Chairman Tom Kuhn at 248-227-2462 or ELVLakes@gmail.com.

Parents We Need Your Help Explaining

We were all kids once and remember how much fun it was to pick up rocks and throw them into the water. However, some rocks need to stay where they are. Please explain to your children that the fairly large rocks around the drain into the lake at Walker Beach are there to prevent erosion and protect the property and should not be moved or thrown into the lake. Thanks!

Also, please explain that fishing is to be done at our village beaches or from your own property. Neither children nor adults should be walking into other residents’ yards to fish or for any other reason.

Street Cred with Street Crud

Thank you to all who are sweeping tree debris and fertilizer out of the street gutters. One good rain will send those things into our lakes where we don’t want them. Also remember to keep fertilizer 15’ away from your shoreline or a backyard drain.

New Look For Website

Webmaster Jee Naughton has transferred our website information to a new webhost as Adobe is discontinuing this service. Our website address — www.elvsite.com — is still the same, but it has a great new look. You can find current and the past year's newsletters, lake and safety information, Board and Homeowner meeting minutes, and more on our website. Thanks, Jee!

Classified Ads

Childcare & Entertainment

- **College student with babysitting experience.** Contact **Grace** at 248-376-4817. Text is preferred.

Other Services

- **Need a handyman?** Call **Bill** at 248-879-9234 and leave a message.
- 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. Call or text resident **Hank** at 248-891-1108.

Wanted

- Looking for a **paddleboat** in good shape. Please call **Tom** at 248-953-3768.

Updated ELVHA Board Contact Info

Recording Secretary Mark Barbieri suggested that "ELV Board Position" Gmail addresses be created to simplify transitions between board members after new elections, provide historical documentation for new board members, simplify resident contacts when boards transition, and declutter personal email accounts for those that receive an inordinate volume of emails. It is an excellent idea and has been set up by Mark. The new board email addresses are below. Some board members are continuing to use their personal emails.

2020 ELVHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All area codes are 248 unless otherwise noted.

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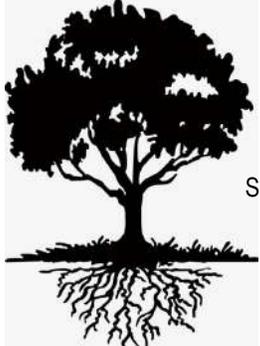
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