

Emerald Lakes Village Update

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Hey! Sometimes the Adults Get to Have Some Fun, Too!

JOIN US FOR AN ADULT CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARTY!

By Amanda Vizzini, Adult Social Chairwoman

Visit with ELV Friends

Sunday, July 25

There was a Grinch that but never fear Christmas in in July attire and bring your ones are



3-9 pm, Walker Beach

stole our Holiday Party last December, July is here! Put on your best Christmas sand buckets and shovels (sturdy metal recommended) for a sand castle/sculpture contest. Prizes for winners of both. We will have music, which may include a Christmas Carol or two. Just a couple more fun things you can do. Whether you prefer spending your time on water or land there is plenty to do when Christmas has sand! Our caterer will be providing food, tables, chairs, and tents.

Veggies
Hot Dogs
Nachos
Snow Cones
Water
All FREE

Yard Games

Sand Castle/ Sculpture & Best Dressed Contests Prizes Awarded

RSVP to Amanda at ELVAdultSocial@gmail.com with how many will be attending by **JULY 18** so she knows how much food to order and can contact you if the event needs to be rescheduled. Also, if you can help out by providing yard games, decorations, or assist in decorating, please contact Amanda.

COME ONE, COME ALL! KIDS, GRANDKIDS, & ADULTS – AND WEAR SOCKS!

ELV FUNDAY WITH NEW ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!!

Wednesday, August 18th 6-8 pm @ Walker Beach - Rain or Shine

Putt Putt All Ages

Inflatable Wrecking Ball Ages 10+



Register by August 13 to Amber at

ELVChildrenSocial@gmail.com

with name and number of people attending. There will be no other newsletter reminders. Also, if you can help by baking or volunteering at FunDay please contact Amber.

Hand sanitizer will be at each activity.

Ice Cream Baked Treats, Water

Toddler Bounce House

Obstacle Course Ages 5+

Inflatable Axe Throwing All Ages

CaStaWay Regatta
 Sunday, August 15 • Emerald Beach, 2 pm
 This event is geared for kids, but adults and families are welcome, too. All sailors must be wearing a life jacket and parents will be responsible for supervision and safety of their children. Boats should be made of cardboard, plastic jugs, sticks, duct tape, etc. **Participants must pre-register as a team or solo to receive detailed boat design and construction rules.** Email Amber at ELVChildrenSocial@gmail.com. Awards will be given in categories such as: Fastest Vessel, Most Creative, Most Realistic, The Love Boat, Titanic Award (most spectacular sinking) and Gilligan's Island (sinks first)!

ELV Garage Sale is Coming!

Time to start going through your closets, garages, and basements to see what items you can put up for sale at our village-wide garage sale **Friday, and Saturday, September 17 and 18 from 9 am to 4 pm.** Traditionally, some garages are open on Thursday, but not advertised to the general public to give residents a head start on bargain hunting. A directory is also available showing which garages are open. Our garage sale is advertised in local papers, on the City's website calendar, and on Craigslist. **Participants fund this event with the \$3 fee.** Use the form at right to register.

Questions? Call our garage sale expert, Darlene, at 248-515-4102.



ELV GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Do not include phone number in

Open Thursday from _____ Garage Sale Directory.

Items For Sale: _____

If you need to list additional items attach another piece of paper. Deliver with \$3 or check payable to Darlene Mehrer, 6436 Emerald Lake Dr. by Tuesday, September 14 to be in the directory. Drop box on porch. Payment accepted up to September 18.

Welcome, Neighbors!

By Andrea Allemon, *Membership Chairwoman*



If you are new to our village (or know of someone new), please call me 248-879-1111 or email me at ELVMembership@gmail.com. I have very important information about our village for you.

New Directories Available for Pick-up

Not only are there phone numbers for our residents in our new 2021 ELV Phone Directories, but there is also important information about environmental policies about our lakes, rules about using our village beach lots, ice safety, contact information for board and committee members, a village mileage map, recycling information, and helpful advertisers. Directories can be picked up from the green ELV mailbox along Kathleen's driveway at 6653 Emerald Lake Drive and from a basket hanging on the wall on Andrea's front porch at 1586 Pebble Point.

Swim Tags & Beach Lot Party Permits

Residents, if you are using one of our village beaches please **have your swim tag prominently displayed**. You can pick up your swim tags by contacting Membership Chairwoman Andrea Allemon at 248-879-1111. 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 village beach lots you will need a permit, also available by contacting Andrea. 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.

Community Spirit

Lookin' Good in the Neighborhood

Have you been out walking in the village? It looks great! Manicured lawns, trimmed shrubs, new landscaping here and there, and beautiful flowers. "Thank you" to everyone working so hard to keep their yards looking so nice. And thanks to Mother Nature for all the rain of late. At least the plants are happy.

Another way to keep the village looking good is to be mindful of Troy city ordinances that say that refuse can be placed at the curb no earlier than 5 pm on the previous day of trash collection and removed as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after pickup. Thanks!

Easy Listening Concerts by the ELV Players

Concerts are on Wednesday evenings from ~7-8:30 pm. The next dates are: **July 21 (rescheduled Patriotic concert with Taco truck there 6-9), August 4, August 18.**

ELV Book Club

The book up for discussion on Tuesday, July 27th is *Society Girl* by Robbie Gomez. The meeting begins at 7 pm at 6368 Sandshores, the home of Laura Gomez. Yes, they are related. As a bonus, Robbie will be available for part of the get-together to chat about his book.

As always, bring a drink or dish to pass (wine is always acceptable!), and please let the hostess know if you will be there. Laura's email is: lbgpac56@gmail.com Our book for August is *The Outside Boy* by Jeanine Cummins.

Lakes Report

By Jim Tompkins, *Lakes Chairman*

Aeration System In On Sandshores Lake

 LakePro had the aeration system in Sandshores up and running on July 2. The air compressor is now running 24/7 and will continue to do so through September. The unit is quiet, and while you can notice the 4 areas of bubbles in the lake, they are not obtrusive. **Don't forget, don't anchor or swim in those areas.** There remain some landscape repair and potential plantings that we need to do. In addition, we are exploring if aeration will change Sandshores' treatments. Please keep in mind that aeration is not an instant fix and lake conditions may worsen before they get better. The hope is to reduce algae and muck in the lake.

Speaking of Algae and Muck

Fertilizer and organic debris that gets into our lakes leads to increased plant growth and possibly algae. **Do not fertilize within 20 ft. of the shoreline.** Sweep fertilizer from your driveways, sidewalks and streets into your grass. Make sure your lawn service is doing this also. Also sweep up lawn cuttings or tree droppings, either onto your lawn or into your yard waste container.

Safety First

For the safety of everyone you **must bring your crafts/rafts or floating devices of any type to shore every night.** This is in our Restrictions.

Beach Sand Reclamation

Please come help bring sand from the water to the beaches from 7-8/8:30 pm on these dates:

Walker Beach, Thursday, August 12

Sandshores Beach, Tuesday, August 17

Emerald Beach, Monday, August 30

Lake Treatments & Water Levels

Andale, Crystal, Emerald, and Sandshores will be treated on July 12 and Pebble and Walker, July 19. Andale, Crystal, Emerald, and Sandshores will be treated again on August 2 and Pebble and Walker on August 9. All dates are weather permitting.

Weeds will be sprayed on our shared village beaches (Emerald, Sandshores, Walker) on July 26. You may want to contact LakePro (810-635-4400) prior to July 26 about purchasing Habitat spray for you to spray your beach weeds or contract them to do the spraying for you. I hear they charge a reasonable fee.

The extremely heavy rains of June 25-27 brought our lakes back to more normal levels for this time of year after a spring where many were way below normal. Those heavy rains also forced creek water into Sandshores Lake and we are watching to see if any action may be necessary.

Blue dye is added to all our lakes except Walker. Residents should be cautious when in the water as there is decreased water clarity and reduced visibility with the use of the dye.

Questions regarding our lakes? Contact Lakes Chairman Jim Tompkins at ELVLakes@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-701-6423.

Our Wider Community Spirit

Hope Water Project 5k & Fun Run

On Saturday, July 31 from 8 am — 10 am Kensington Church will be holding a 5k and fun run as a fundraiser for Hope Water Project. Money raised brings clean water to the Pokot in western Kenya.

The 5k course includes ELV streets shown on the map below, which will be closed on a rolling basis, probably from 8:10 –9:15 am. If driving on these streets during race time please be patient and courteous for the safety of all. There will be police officers marshaling the course.



To participate you can register at <https://kensingtonchurch.org/5k/>. Use discount code HWPNeighbor at checkout for a discounted \$25 registration rate. Register by July 12 and get a t-shirt, otherwise registration is open until July 30.

Animal Alerts

Skunk

A resident on Three Lakes reported seeing a very brave skunk out and about in her yard in broad daylight. We don't have any skunk busters in the village so it is up to residents to deter skunks from finding a comfy place to live in their yards and to not provide them with a source of food.

Suburban skunks find wood and rock piles, and openings under porches attractive places to den. To keep a skunk from bedding down under your deck you can put a bright light or motion sensor light there and block off any potential entry points. Or try putting orange or lemon peels, strong smelling soap (Irish Spring), or a room deodorizer there.

Also try these strong smelling things in your wood pile.

To keep skunks from dining in your yard do not put pet food outside, put your trash in your garage or in a tightly closed container, and get rid of grubs in your lawn.

Skunks can really tear up your lawn and grubs keep your lawn from developing a healthy root system.

Cicada Killer Wasps

Nothing to worry about here, unless you are a cicada. And if you are a cicada reading this newsletter I am impressed.

Cicada killer wasps are unusually large (> diameter of a quarter) and you may see them flying around your sandy beach or coming out of holes along the edge of your lawn. Male wasps may buzz you to scare you away from their nest, but can't sting you. Females will sting you only if you disturb them. Best to leave them alone to get rid of cicadas. The wasps will be gone by mid-September.

Mosquitos

Keep down the mosquito population by draining water from boats, outdoor potted plants and their drip trays, hose reel trays, and other water retaining items.

Classifieds

childcare

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

For Sale

- **2 Adirondack chairs**, good condition, wood, painted green, includes footrest and cushions. Call Barbara at 248-879-8719.
- **ELV home** at 6927 Northpoint for sale by owner. Alluring kitchen, 2600 sq. ft., 2-story colonial, 4BR, 2.5 bath & more. Please call **248-879-1084** and leave your name and number. Call by

July 21st, otherwise we will need to list with my friend and competition will increase.

• Summer's here!

Beautiful 10' fiberglass sailboat with Marconi rig. Includes mainsail, jib, oars, custom boat cover. Ready to sail. Holds up to four adults. Perfect for ELV lakes or larger. Asking \$1,800. Contact Bob at 248-330-5851 to see in person or for more photos.



Other Services

- 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.

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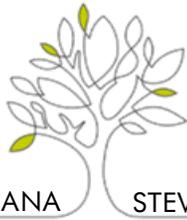
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TROY, MI 48085

Troy Farmers Market

Every Friday, 12-5pm
 Community Center north parking lot
 Vendor & food truck list at:
www.troymi.gov/farmersmarket

Troy's Summer Concert Series

July 8 & 22; August 5 & 26
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 Musician & Food Truck info at:
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