

RYERSON LAKE ASSOCIATION 2020 NEWSLETTER



WE WILL NOT BE MEETING ON SATURDAY, MAY 23

- The call of the loons has been sounding on Long/Ryerson Lake. After a cold Spring and C-19 isolation, we are all eager to welcome Summer!
- **The Annual Meeting of the Ryerson Lake Association has been postponed until Saturday, September 5 at 9:00 AM at 4432 S. Sherman Ave. There will be no pressure to attend this meeting. There will be ample space for social distancing since it will be in the May's new pole barn. There is even space on the driveway if you wish to be outside and distant from others. So, if you are able to come, dress according to the weather and bring your own lawn chair. Membership dues of \$30.00 are being collected now or will be collected at the meeting. You can send a check to Heather Lallo at 4302 S. Sherman; Fremont, Mi 49412. Make checks out to Ryerson Lake Association.**
- Your Ryerson Lake Association Board met via a Zoom meeting on Saturday, May 2 and via many emails and phone calls since then. A few decisions have been made:
 - Postponement of our Annual Meeting until a later date based upon the C-19 situation.
 - Because Camp Echo will be on a reduced schedule and budget this summer, the Board agreed to pay for the entire expense of the 4th of July fireworks out of our fund balance which we raise by way of the annual \$30.00 membership dues. The annual cost of the fireworks is about \$3,200.00. Members and others are welcome to add a contribution to their dues this year to assist with this added expense. At this time, the camp is still discerning whether or not they will be able to do the fireworks.
 - If the fireworks happen, then the boat parade will also take place. **Watch the website or call a board member in the latter part of June for details on fireworks and boat parade.**
 - We decided on starting a new plan for door prizes at the Annual Meeting. Many board members will be contributing gift certificates, gift cards, community-building or experiential gifts, food items, or other creative ideas for door prizes. Ideas discussed were certificates to local restaurants or stores, home-made pies, cookies, a tour of the camp, a pontoon ride, a skiing experience, a catch of fish, kayak rides, something special from your barn or garage that someone else would really want, etc., etc. We want to throw the donation of door prizes open to all members. If you would like to contribute, connect with Joseph Fox by August 15 (joseph.dwight.fox@gmail.com; 231-330-1654).
 - We also discussed the fish population and weed control. More will be shared about these items at our meeting in September.

- Heather Lallo has put together a LONG/RYERSON LAKE handout that reminds us as residents about lake policies and other pertinent State & Federal Laws. This handout is included with this newsletter. On the back of the handout is KNOW THE LAKE information. Laminated copies of this handout will be available at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 5.
- The Ryerson Lake Association and the Lake Improvement Board are 2 separate boards. The Lake Association pays for buoys to mark the islands, upkeep of the boat launch, membership in the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, and for the watermelons at the boat parade. Except for this year, we have also paid 50% of the 4th of July Fireworks put on by Camp Echo. The Improvement board collects our tax dollars allocated for lake improvement and weed/algae control.
- Speaking of Camp Echo, here is an update from the Camp Director, Bernard Rocca. "Because of C-19, Camp Echo has canceled all youth programs for Summer 2020. We are still hoping to run family programs in July and August and will make a decision in mid-June about these programs. Please be respectful of camp property and facilities while we are not operating. If you are interested in visiting the Camp Echo property, we ask you to contact us in advance so that we can confirm that we are permitting visitors at that time and ensure that visits are conducted safely. One great way to visit and learn more about camp is by volunteering! We are hoping to use this summer as an opportunity to improve camp for the future and welcome your assistance with such things as painting, landscaping, or various building projects. If you are interested in visiting camp and/or helping us with volunteer projects around camp this summer, contact me at bernardr@mcgawymca.org or at 231-924-7076. Thank you for continuing to create a safe environment for our campers and for being great neighbors."
- Welcome to the new Long/Ryerson Lake residents, please come to the September meeting with any comments or questions. If you are not yet a member, please join. If you currently have any questions, comments, or ideas, contact any of the board members listed below:

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We hope to see you at the meeting!

><>Joseph Fox, President, May 2020<><