



Lake Shore Breeze

Spring 2013

Fremont Lake Association

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Fremont Lake Association will be to improve the water quality of Fremont Lake and its watershed through research, education and actions leading to lake maintenance and improvements; promote activities which enhance the social welfare of its members & provide pertinent information through its Website, Newsletter and meetings as appropriate. 🚤

BREUKER'S BEACH

The winter of 2012 was colder and we had more snow. The lake was iced over for a longer time due to a late Spring. This hopefully slows down weed growth. We are in the process of establishing a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the control of Aquatic Nuisances. The public hearings will be May 20th for Fremont city residents and May 21 for Sheridan Twp. residents. You are strongly encouraged to attend.

Sheridan Twp. has contracted with a Progressive AE, a firm that will manage the bidding along with monitoring the treatments and the results. . They have many projects similar to this around the state and come highly recommended. .

Swans were not an issue in 2012 so it wasn't necessary to take any action with the USDA. We will continue to monitor the few that have been sighted this year.

The FLA has 9 board members and the by-laws call for 5-9. All board members were needed this term to gather signatures for SAD. But we aren't planning on replacing anyone whose term expires in 2013. Nels Johnston and I will remain on for one more year just to follow through on the SAD. Norm Knorr has served two consecutive terms which is the maximum allowed by our by-laws. 🚤

6TH ANNUAL CHRIS CARIS MEMORIAL FISHING FOR KIDS

**This year's event will be on Tuesday, July 2.
Members participation in this event have included
providing Pontoon Boats, being "expert" guides &
providing encouragement to the kids.**

**Please contact Jeannie Caris (924-5924)
if you are able to provide that "expert" help !! 🚤**



SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

In 2012 the Township, City & Lake Association each paid 1/3 of the contract cost for Professional Lake Management to survey & recommend action needed to address the weed problems of the Lake. The complete report, technical information recommendations are on our website (fremontlake.net) in the “News” section. Based on many requests of Property Owners & the results of the PLM survey Petitions & Letters of explanation were circulated to obtain Property Owner Approvals to establish a SAD for a comprehensive & on-going lake management solution to control “Aquatic Nuisances”.

The majority of Property Owners approved the establishment of an Assessment to improve the Lake. This resulted in the Township Board holding a Public Hearing to approve the SAD at the Township Hall on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 PM as part of their regular Board Meeting. The agenda of our Annual Meeting, which is usually held in May, would have been to report of the status of the SAD. Fortunately, the Township Board’s Public Hearing will address the SAD in a comprehensive manner. You’re encouraged to attend. Therefore, the 2013 Annual Meeting is being suspended. All other communications are covered in the Newsletter.

The Public Meeting for City residents will be held at the City Hall on Monday, May 20 at 7PM. ▲

FREMONT LAKE AQUATIC PLANT UPDATE

By: BreAnne Grabill, Northern Lakes Manager, PLM Lake & Land Management Corp.

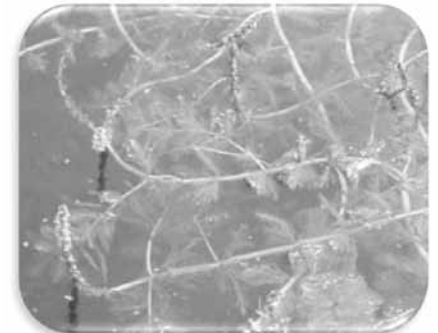
2012 was quite the year for weed and algae growth on inland lakes in Michigan. If you remember back to winter 2012, we had an above average winter, with little snow fall, little ice coverage and above average temperatures. The mild winter was followed up an early spring with 80 degree temperatures in March, early ice off, and a dry spring. This summer brought hot and dry conditions unseen for decades in this area. When you combine the environmental factors together, add in an invasive plant or two, into a nutrient rich ecosystem from years of development, and it creates ideal growing conditions for weeds and algae. Fremont Lake has been dealing with exotic plants for years. Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) and Curlyleaf pondweed (CLP) have taken over a large portion of the area that supports aquatic plants in Fremont Lake. In the recent years, a native plant, Wild Celery (also known as Ell Grass), has spread to many areas within the lake and is causing a large recreational issue.



Wild Celery

In order to properly manage Fremont Lake, it needs to be viewed and managed as one entity. Therefore, a whole lake management approach needs to control all the exotic and invasive plants throughout the lake. In order to do this, a special

assessment district (SAD) needs to be formed. As many of you are aware, the association has been working with the City of Fremont and Sheridan Township in order to protect and manage Fremont



Eurasian watermilfoil


Lake. The goal of proper lake management is not to create a weed-free lake, but to properly manage exotic and invasive weeds, while promoting a diverse native plant community for a healthy lake. Fremont Lake has a large infestation and multiple plants that need to be managed. The program will not fix the problem overnight, but will begin down the path of lake management and invasive plant control. At no time will Fremont Lake be free of vegetation. Certain areas of the lake are more prone to plant growth than others. Residents are encouraged to rake their beaches if native plants are an issue. It is important to remove boat chop/floaters as well. Any vegetation removed from your beach area will remove nutrients and help reduce organic buildup. Lakes change over time and as they are impacted by new invasive plants and human manipulation, they respond. This means that the lake will not be the same as it was decades ago. If everyone works together we can protect Fremont Lake into the future. ▲

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION JULY 3RD

*(Rain date for Fireworks
& Boat Parade is July 4th)*

We're getting bigger & better at celebrating Independence Day with Spectacular Fireworks, Creative Boat Decorations with Enthusiastic Crews, & Patriotic Parties. The entire lake also appreciated & enjoyed several spectacular Fireworks from Lake residents around the Lake that made prior year's celebrations memorable. The "Community Fireworks" that's again being organized by Eric Hanson



& Scott Crandall promises to be spectacular & appreciated. These "Community Fireworks" are financed by donations from lake residents, community citizens & a \$500 Association contribution. Please send your donation to Fremont Fireworks Assoc. LLC, c/o Crandell Funeral Home, Box 148, Fremont or include your contribution with your Membership. 

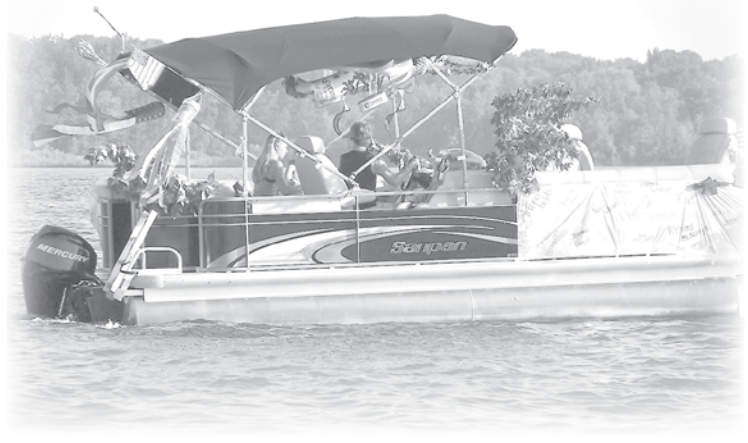




7:30 BOAT PARADE - “CHRISTMAS IN JULY”

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Our Boat Parade continues to be swell as well as swell in creativity & size! At 7:30 the fleet will again gather at the VanBoxel Point to sail around the Lake to Celebrate Christmas in July. To keep our competitive spirit flowing, our distinguished judges will award Prize Winner Ribbons. “Participant Ribbons” will given be to the entire fleet. We continue to seek judges of integrity & high standards so please let a Board Member know if you are qualified & will serve in this important function !! ☺ 🚤



1st Place Boat Parade Winners

- 2007 4th of July Oosterhouse Family
- 2008 Olympics Cappel Family
- 2009 Honor the Flag Morehouse Family
- 2010 Pirates of the Caribbean Saii Family
- 2011 Anything Disney Saii Family
- 2012 Salute the Military Knorr Family
- 2013 Christmas in July Your Family ??

2013 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fremont Lake Association reorganized several years ago to address our Mission Statement that defines our purpose is to enable Members to more effectively manage a multi-million dollar asset that we all currently share & enjoy for the Common Good as well as improve property values. To this end, we’ve accomplished several projects & activities by using Association funds as direct payments, seed money &/or matching funds of the grants we’ve been able to obtain.. In addition, our

communication goal is to maintain a website & send this Newsletter to about 250 stakeholders in the Lake. The cost of mailing the Newsletter is about \$1 each copy. While our dues are voluntary, your involvement is needed to enable the Association to continue the effort to improve Fremont Lake. Dues are \$25.00 per calendar year. Please complete the enclosed Membership Form & return to Post Office Box 53. 🚤

FREMONT LAKE ASSOCIATION

2012 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 5/14/12 7PM SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting opened at 7PM. Board Members in attendance; Gary Breuker, Stan DeKuiper, Kurt Lowdermilk, Eric Anderson, Lou Meeuwenberg, John Sella, & Norman Knorr. Absent; Erich Heger & Nels Johnston. 23 Members & guests attended.

Secretary Report – Minutes of the 5/9/11 Meeting accepted.

Treasurer Report – Stan DeKuiper submitted a report of Income & Expenses for 2010 & 2011. The Membership Dues received during the last 2 years totaled \$3,315, Fireworks Donations \$2,379, Interest \$318 for Total Income for the 2 years were \$6,012. Expenses totaled \$4,658 for the 2 years.. The current Balance is \$16,497. Additional Membership Dues were received at the Meeting. Report accepted. All Dues Paying Members were given FLA decals.

Reports

Swan Control – Gary discussed a USDA Wildlife Division program that eliminated 36 Mute Swans on the Lake. Gary reported the USDA is continuing the project to reduce the number of Mute Swans & we'll keep the USDA advised on the Mute Swan population.

Walleye Planting - Gary & Tom Moore reported that the DNR has scheduled to plant 45,000 Walleyes this year. Tom also indicated that we have received additional fish in the past if there is a surplus.

Weed Control – Bre Graybill from PLM reported on the Eurasian Watermilfoil infestation following the survey she made of the Lake prior to today's meeting. Bre indicated that Fremont Lake was the only lake they service to have the Eurasian Watermilfoil "Crash" that occurred in late summer that reduced the infestation. However, today's survey indicated the Eurasian Watermilfoil infestation is definitely back. The Association Board has agree to a \$2,100 PLM contract proposal to evaluate the weed conditions & recommend a plan of action to control the weed infestation. The City & Township are being asked to share in the cost of the contract. Tom Moore will continue the DNR water quality sampling effort he's been doing for several years & communicate the results to PLM. Last year we reviewed the process to establish a Tax Assessment District for the entire Lake to control weeds & algae. Based on the 2012 survey findings & recommendation, this effort may be pursued.

GVSU/AWRI Water Quality Project – GVSU has indicated Fremont Lake may be included in a Water Quality Project of the Muskegon River Watershed. This will be an extension of the 2009 GVSU/AWRI Project conducted with a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation & Association funds. It's our understanding the Lake Association involvement will be to provide volunteer time & pontoon boats. More information will be available as the project develops. _

Water Filtration Proposal – Dean Morehouse reported on the presentation given to the Association & City on options to reduce the nutrient pollution coming from the City inlets. The State of Michigan has established funds to improve the quality of city storm drain water. As expected, this type of project is a long range option & may be cost prohibitive.

Fireworks & Boat Parade – Norm reported for Eric Hanson that this year's display cost will be about \$6,000 with \$1,000 of that for the insurance premium. He thanked the Association as well as individual members for their contribution. Norm said this year's theme will be "Honor the Military". The Parade starts on Tuesday, July 3 at 7:30.

Fremont City RV Park – Bryan Gruesbeck, Fremont City Manager, reported on the park expansion of 32 additional sites along with an upgrade of the facilities. The construction will be completed this week & sites should be available in July

Fishing for Kids – Jeannie Caris shared experiences from the 4 prior events. This year's event on Tuesday, July 10 & will be needing Members to again provide pontoon boats.

Elections – 3 Terms Expiring 2016

2013 - Gary Breuker, Nels Johnston, Norm Knorr

2014 - Eric Anderson, Lou Meeuwenberg & John Sella

2015 – Norm Goebel, Doug Nieboer & David Landheer were elected.

Thanks were extended to Erich Heger, Kurt Lowdermilk, Stan DeKuiper whose terms expired in 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 Norm Knorr – Secretary/Editor 5/14/12 ▲



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Public Meetings to Approve SAD

City – Monday, May 20 7PM

TWP - Tuesday, May 21 7PM

Boat Parade & Fireworks –

Thursday, July 3 7:30 PM

Rain Date – Friday, July 4 7:30 PM

Board of Directors

Gary Breuker – Chair

Nels Johston – Vice Chair

John Sella – Treasurer

Norm Knorr – Secretary / Editor

Lou Meeuwenberg

Eric Anderson

Norm Goebel

Doug Nieboer

David Landheer



FREMONT LAKE ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES

- 2007 FLA reestablished & By-Laws adapted
- 2007 - Present - Member conducted Water Sampling sent to DNR/DEQ
- 2008 - 2009 - Water Rescue & Safety Demonstrations
- 2008 Ice Mountain Water Quality Grant application (not awarded)
- 2008 Present - Chris Caris Memorial - Fishing for Kids Activity
- 2009 Purchase & Install Signage at City & Twp. Launch Sites
- 2009 GVSU/AWRI Survey of Water Quality & Lake Inlets
 - Funded FACF Grant & Association Funds
- 2009 MSU / DEQ Survey of Deep Water Sediment Core Samples
- 2010 By-Laws amended
- 2010 Website established * * * fremontlake.net * * *
- 2010 DNR stocking of about 41,343 Walleyes
- 2010 Property Owner Weed Control contracts began with PLM
- 2011 Shoreline Restoration Planting with Muskegon Watershed Assembly
 - Funded by FACF, Muskegon Conservation District & FLA funds
- 2011 Swan Control Project implemented in cooperation with USDA
- 2011 Interview with Price & Co to improve Fremont Lake's water and ecological health.
- 2011 Professional Lake Management evaluation of Weed Problems – No charge
- 2012 PLM contract to recommend actions needed for weed control- Funded by Twp, City & FLA funds
- 2013 Reestablish a Special Assessment District (SAD) to control Aquatic Nuisances
 - Funded by City, Twp, & FLA funds (Similar to SAD in 1980's)

