



WLA Board Meeting

The next WLA board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday April 9th. It will be held at Lakelands Golf & Country Club starting at 6:30.

2020 Annual WLA Meeting

The 2020 Annual WLA Meeting will be held on May 28th at LGCC. As per usual, the elections committee is seeking four candidates to run for the Board of Governors. If you are interested in running, know somebody who would be a good candidate, or want more info, please contact Dan Luria (dluria@the-center.org).



Mark your calendars - the Easter Bunny is once again returning to Winans Lake to hide eggs. The egg hunt will be on Saturday April 4th starting at 10 am. Rain date is Sunday April 5th at 1:00 pm. Refreshments after the hunt.

Spring Time Activities

As we resume our spring yard and garden duties, we have an opportunity to benefit our water quality. The following advice is summarized from several articles by a county agricultural agent.



BURNING: Often it is more convenient to burn leaves than to remove or compost them. The resulting ashes contain highly concentrated nutrients that are absorbed by rainwater and drain or seep into the lake. This promotes dense aquatic weed growth and algae bloom at your beach. To improve water quality, ashes should be removed or composted as far as possible away from the shore. Same process for recreational fire pit ashes.

FERTILIZING: Heavy rains dissolve lawn fertilizer which then runs off into the lake to grow thicker weeds in your beach area. For this reason, it is recommended that the last 50 feet of lawn adjacent to a shoreline should not be fertilized. Avoid fertilizing at all, if possible; otherwise, use a zero phosphorous fertilizer (the middle number should be zero; for example: 30/0/10).

LAWN SERVICE: If you employ a lawn service, ask them for a “lake-friendly” treatment. They have special formulations designed for use near water that are zero phosphorous fertilizers. This is required by Hamburg Township ordinance and WLA best practices.

RAKING: The removal of weeds and leaves from the lake also reduces the nutrient load of the entire lake and makes our own beach areas more pleasant.

WATERING: Our lake water already carries a high nutrient load. A very positive thing that we can each do to improve our water quality is to filter some lake water through lawn watering. By spraying the lake water sparingly over our lawns, we allow the grass to absorb the nutrients and return cleaner water down to the water table which eventually re-enters the lake. Previous tests show that nutrients present in the lake water should supply ALL of our lawn fertilizer needs (which provides a savings in time and materials).

Each of us can only do a little damage to the lake or provide a little benefit; yet, taken altogether, our combined effort will be large. Winans Lake will become what we as a community make of it.



Attention Anglers: Pike Season is Closed



Anglers are reminded that Michigan's ***pike season is closed until the last Saturday in April***. During this time it is unlawful to take or even attempt to take any northern pike. This closure helps pike to successfully complete their spawning process. Our lake advisor considers predator fish such as bass and pike to be essential in maintaining a healthy balance in our lake. Accordingly, the WLA continues to strongly recommend catch and release of all bass and pike at all times, especially larger fish. Please do your part to help ensure a healthy fishery in Winans Lake.

Beach Cleanup

The ice is gone from the lake and thoughts are quickly turning to spring. The annual beach cleanup is set for May 16th and with May 17th the designated rain date. Much more information will be provided in later emails.

WLA Web Site

The Winans Lake Web Site is up and running. Check it out for the latest news and beach schedule at WinansLake.org.

Newsletter

Please send any articles or pictures you'd like included in the newsletter to Terre Voegeli (voegelit@gmail.com).

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