



WLA Board Meeting

The next WLA board meeting is scheduled for 10/08/2020 at 6:30 at the beach.

Single Trash Hauler - Update

The ad-hoc One Trash Hauler neighborhood committee has been working to reduce the number of garbage trucks on our roads. The goal is to reduce the heavy truck traffic to minimize road damage. And, especially on Winans Drive, to make the road safer for all the young children biking and playing on the road.

As of this month, a majority of neighbors have made the switch. Two-thirds of the homes on the north side of the Lake are now using The Garbage Man. While there are still have four different companies operating on the south side, two of those - Advanced and Waste Management - have only one customer each left on Winans Drive.

Overall, nearly 70% of households around the lake have switched to The Garbage Man. We have nothing against any of the companies, The Garbage Man was selected because it is less expensive, collects trash, recycling and yard waste with the same truck and is a local company out of Brighton.

Please consider joining your neighbors in making the switch.

Thanks.



Garbage Service Price Comparison – May 2019

Company	<i>Prices are in \$ per quarter.</i>			
	The Garbage Man		GFL Environmental	Advanced Disposal
Headquarters	Brighton, MI		Toronto	Chicago
Local Office	Brighton, MI		Wayne & Sterling Hgts	Whitmore Lake
Cart Options	With Own Container	With Their Cart	With Their Cart	With Their Cart
Regular price	<i>Note: Some households may be grandfathered at lower rates.</i>			
Age < 62	\$51	\$57	\$77	\$71
Age 62+	\$45	\$51	\$71	\$68
Trash & recycling	Same truck, same pickup		Separate truck & pickup time	Varies by route
Recycling method	\$1 per 30-gal bag (bags sold in 10-packs)		Their bin or dumpster	Their bin or dumpster
Yard waste method	In own 80-gal paper bags		In own 80-gal paper bags	No limit, own 80-gal paper bags, large one-time annual
Yard waste	\$2 per bag		\$10 per pickup, up to 10 bags	
Yard Waste Frequency	Every other week, Apr-Nov		Once a month, May-Nov	Every other week, May-Nov
Calculated Annual Cost (for Garbage Man, assumes three recycling bags per month):				
Age < 62	\$240	\$264	\$308	\$284
Age 62+	\$216	\$240	\$284	\$272

Proposed Winans Lake Drainage District

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ISSUE: WLA members have expressed concerns about the drainage of sediment into Winans Lake via Teahen and other roads for many years. The development of Winans Woods and additional houses along Teahen exacerbated the drainage concerns, which include:

- Significant untreated sediment causing excessive aquatic vegetation and forming “muck bars” along the northernmost portions of Winans Lake



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- Excess water from Winans Woods subdivision killing trees in the “frog bog” north of Old Drive and seasonally flooding Old Drive
 - Runoff along Cowell Road from Chilson to Pleasant Lake Road

In 2018, the WLA board formed a Sedimentation & Stormwater Runoff/Drainage Committee (SSRC) to define the overall issue, review past efforts, and investigate possible solutions. After meetings with Dr Jude (Freshwater Consultants), Hamburg Township and Livingston County Road Commission officials, the committee most recently met with the Livingston County Drain Commissioner. After several meetings and legal review, the Drain Commissioner recommended that the residents affected by the sedimentation petition for establishment of a drainage district. Ten residents filed such a petition with support from the WLA board.

PROCESS: The drain commission accepted the petition; next steps include:

- The drain commission hired an engineer to delineate a proposed district based on topography. The engineer has inspected the area and prepared a preliminary improvement plan and cost estimate.
- After meeting with the WLA Sedimentation and Stormwater Runoff Committee, the scope was defined as:
 - Pave 2,200 feet of Teahen Road with curb and gutter. If practical, divert water to depressions west of Teahen Road.
 - Add/improve sediment traps, check dams, forebays and retention ponds/ditches to better handle stormwater along Cowell Road from Chilson to Pleasant Lake Road
 - Address flooding at the east end of Old Drive. Lower the water level in the “frog bog” east of Old Drive to historical levels prior to the construction of Winans Woods.
 - Replace the culverts under Chilson Road with a box culvert to improve fish spawning west of Chilson Road.
 - Ongoing maintenance of these structures, plus the outlet to Gutt Lake.
- The Drain Commissioner will determine if the drainage district is practical and delineate a potential drain centerline. His staff will prepare a second petition to establish the district.
- Upon acceptance of the second petition, the Drain Commissioner appoints an independent Board of Determination. Detailed design is completed and costs estimated. Criteria for apportioning cost are proposed based upon



benefit (benefit includes handling storm water from upstream lots that otherwise have to contain onsite most of the rainwater falling on the lot).

- After receiving bids and calculating costs, the Drain Commissioner holds a Day of Review (a public meeting to hear comments on the project, including the apportionment of benefits and assessment of costs). The Drain Commissioner can make revisions based on the comments and any objections. The costs being reasonable per the Board of Determination, construction will start. After completion, remaining funds will be used to maintain structures, etc. in perpetuity.

COST: All properties within the drainage district must participate in paying for improvements, but the amount can vary greatly. Apportionment criteria may include lot size, soil types, how much impervious surface drains toward the lake and the point at which that water is released, improvement of lake access, slopes, lake frontage, etc.

Cost will be determined after engineering plans are put out for bid. A percentage of costs will be borne by Livingston County and by Hamburg Township. The remaining percentage will be assessed to the approximately 500 lots within the Winans Lake drainage district. (Due to the private nature of Winans Lake, resident percentages will be higher than if the lake was public. These percentages have yet to be determined for this project.) Funding will be used that spreads costs over twenty years for individual assessments.

As an example, if \$2,000,000 (conceptual estimate from LCDC) is needed for the overall district, the individual assessment could average \$140 per year for 20 years. Most lots would probably be assessed less, with those lot owners receiving the most direct benefit paying more. Those benefiting most include property owners along Teahen (who will have a paved road), property owners along Cowell and Teahen (who contribute significant amounts of stormwater onto the roads rather than retaining onsite), lakefront properties significantly affected by sedimentation (who will probably cede some property rights to the drain commission) and all lakefront owners (who will have improved water quality and fish habitat). The individual assessments would be added to winter tax bills from the township.

OUTREACH: WLA members who want more information are invited to contact the subcommittee at SSRC@WLA.org with a phone number and a brief note of your concern (the appropriate member will call you). It is anticipated that an informational meeting will be scheduled with the Drain Commissioner and the public hearing noted above as the Day of Review.



Before that formal process, the Sedimentation and Stormwater Runoff Committee would like to hear from you via a zoom meeting. We are planning to schedule such a meeting before year end. Details of the meeting will be communicated in the near future.



Beach Closing - September 19th 1:00 p.m.

Summer is over and the beach is closed. We'll need help putting the chairs, tables, and grills back into the beach house. We'll also need help bringing in the dock for the winter.

Limited Beach Access

The gates to the beach house will remain unlocked through the Fall so members can take advantage of the swing set, basketball hoop or sit by the beach. Times will be 9 am - 7 pm. Some chairs will be left out for your comfort. Note: The building itself and the restrooms be locked.

Lake Life

No pictures this month.



Welcome to the Neighborhood

Vanessa Voltman and Mark Ferris have moved into 5885 Winans Drive with their dog 1 dog Rudy and their cat Simon.

Corinne and Joe MacDonald are renting 6158 Winans Drive. They have three daughters: Marisia, 4 1/2, Chiara, 3, and Charlie, 2 months.

Correction to August newsletter: Michael and Brenna Wheeler's son's name is LIAM. Our sincere apologies.

New Neighbors

Mary Evergreen does a great job welcoming new neighbors but could use YOUR help. Please send her an email if you see movement on houses next/close to you. Her email is mlevergreen at charter dot net.

Newsletter

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

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