Winans Lake Board Meeting

The next Winans Lake (WLA) Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Lakelands Golf and Country Club (LGCC). The April Board Meeting has been cancelled.

Mark Your Calendars

- Annual Winans Lake Association meeting on Tuesday, **May 21st** at Lakelands Golf and Country Club.
- Beach Cleanup on **May 18th** at 1 pm.
- **Early April**, cleanout of access site on Pleasant Lake Road.

Michigan Environmental Laws, Permits and Lake Rules

Those who are planning on making improvements to their homes and land should be aware of the special laws and permit requirements that regulate such activities near bodies of water.

Accordingly, the WLA has published an article to provide a basic overview and awareness of some of the environmental regulations that are likely to affect WLA members and others that live near bodies of water.

Due to the length of this article, only a summary is provided below along with links for more information. The complete article has been published on the WLA website and can be accessed here: EVNVIRONMENTAL LAWS, PERMITS AND WLA RULES

Like most aspects of law, environmental regulations are complex and constantly changing, so readers should always contact the appropriate

governmental agencies to determine the exact regulations and permit requirements that apply to their specific projects. None of this information should be construed as legal advice.

Summary

- **Any activity below the ordinary high-water mark (seawalls, shoreline changes, sanding, filling, dredging, chemical treatments, etc.) requires WLA/LGCC authorization in addition to EGLE permits.**

- **Any activity that is not below the high water mark but involves a significant earth change (>1acre) or is within 500ft of water or wetland does not require WLA/LGCC authorization but generally does require EGLE and/or county and township permits.** While not requiring WLA authorization, this type of activity may be reported if it appears to be lacking the appropriate permits or water quality safeguards.

- **Property owners, not contractors, are legally responsible for obtaining and complying with permits.** Failing to comply can lead to fines, restoration costs and civil/criminal penalties for the property owners. Use caution when relying on contractors regarding permitting.

- **Members should contact EGLE, Livingston County and Hamburg Township well in advance of any projects to determine what permits are required and then contact the WLA board before applying for any permits that involve the lake or shoreline.**

Information Resources

EGLE Land/Water Interface Activities - [Click Here](#)

EGLE Inland Lakes and Streams Protection - [Click Here](#)

EGLE Permit Decision Tree - [Click Here](#)

PART 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SESC) FAQ - [Click Here](#)

Community News

Information comes to the attention of the WLA board that is not associated with the association's charter but is still of interest to the community. This section is added to pass on that information to the Winans Lake community.

Hamburg Public Safety HOA Open Forum

Hamburg Township is having its first annual Hamburg Public Safety HOA Open Forum to discuss a variety of issues relating to your neighborhoods on **Wednesday, April 17th, 2024**.

Greg Dygert will be attending to represent our community. Please provide him with any concerns, questions or input you have regarding public safety issues such as noise control, speeding, zoning, AirB&B regulations etc. before April 17th. (stanleywings at yahoo dot com)

[Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

Lake Life

We had our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00am at the red carriage house across from the Leabu's on Winans Drive. It had snowed several inches the day before, but I decided to go ahead with the event. We have been hosting this since 1993, and it has taken place in the snow several times.

Victor set up the survey tape streamers to create an entryway into the back of the lot where 250 eggs were hidden.

Folks dressed accordingly, and Victor had a nice fire going on the driveway, where folks warmed themselves. Once the children finished gathering their eggs, we went inside the heated garage to enjoy the traditional Bunny cake, fruit, hot chocolate, and coffee.

There were 7 children and 19 adults, for a total of 26 people in attendance. There were two families there who had three generations present. Tom and Sue Rau were there with their daughter-in-law, Kate, and her two daughters Tessa and Isla. Andy and Lisa Shmina were there with their daughter, Annie, her husband, Chris, and their daughter Stella.

Many thanks to Mary Evergreen and my husband, Victor for their assistance. Gotta keep these traditions going! *Martha*

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Let's welcome Mathis Caverson Rau who was born on January 31, 2024. He and mommy Kate Rau did great despite being induced at 38 weeks. Mathis weighed in at 5lb 14oz and measured 19 inches. His older sisters Tessa and Isla absolutely adore him. And daddy Ryan is just trying to keep up with the fuller house.

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.

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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