



# Lake Cora newsletter Spring 2020

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### INDEPENDENCE DAY BOAT PARADE

- Saturday, July 4th at 7 pm

### 2020 ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

- Saturday, July 25th at 12:30 – 3 pm
- Co-hosted by George & Betsy Lubeley and Tom and Carol Nelson
- 44868 and 44850 Woodman Dr., Paw Paw, MI 49079

### PONTOON PARTY

- Saturday, August 15th at 7 pm
- BYOB and a dish to share

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### SUMMARY

- In 2019, we had a 71% participation rate in the Association. This was a drop when comparing the 90% participation rate in 2018.
- Please help us achieve our target of  $\geq 90\%$
- Association dues, fundraisers and generous donations continue to drive the treasury balance
- At the time of publication, our treasury balance is \$10,528
- We will resume lake treatment in 2020 and this will cost approximately \$5,500.

### MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and to operate as a community of common interest to protect and enhance the water quality, water safety, land values, enjoyment of property, and social relations at Lake Cora, Van Buren County, Michigan. To buy, sell, hold, lease, and control real or personal property as may be incidental to the foregoing purposes but not for profit.

### BOARD MEMBERS

#### President

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#### Vice President

Greg Nitzel 2020-22  
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#### Secretary

Sharon Vliek 2018-21  
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#### Treasurer

Kent Schwingendorf 2018-21  
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#### Directors

Ken Schafer 2018-21  
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#### Craig Elam 2020-22

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**Have a safe and happy  
summer!!**

# DID YOU KNOW?

## LAKE WATER LEVELS

- The Great Lakes are continuing to report above average lake levels
- Lake Superior is reporting record high levels and Lake Michigan is at the highest level since 1998
- Based on unofficial data, Lake Cora is likewise displaying near record high water levels
- High water levels are expected to persist through the summer of 2020

## BOARD POSITION ON LAKE CORA

- Although Lake Cora water levels remain high, a 75% majority of the Lake Cora Board of Directors has recommended removing the voluntary no-wake guidance for the summer of 2020. This decision was not taken lightly by the Board and recognize this may be controversial. We seek to balance the hardships caused by erosion and the hardship of lake owners not being able to fully enjoy the all sports lake. Finally, the Board is aware that many homeowners have taken proactive steps in 2019 and 2020 to mitigate their individual situations.
- We are encouraging those with water-craft to utilize them in the middle of the lake in order to minimize waves. In addition, those with floating swim platforms are encouraged to place them a bit further from shore to likewise discourage boating near the shore.

# WATER/LAND/PROPERTY UPDATE

## SEPTIC SYSTEMS

- Due to the high-water levels, please consider servicing and/or pumping your septic system this spring
- The EPA recommends pumping every 3-5 years: <https://www.epa.gov/septic/how-care-your-septic-system>

## EROSION CONTROL

- Helpful links are provided below which offer solutions to aid in erosion control due to high water levels
- [HTTP://WWW.MISHORELINEPARTNERSHIP.ORG/SHORELINE-EROSION-CONTROL.HTML](http://WWW.MISHORELINEPARTNERSHIP.ORG/SHORELINE-EROSION-CONTROL.HTML)
- [HTTP://WWW.MISHORELINEPARTNERSHIP.ORG/MI-SHORELINES1.HTML](http://WWW.MISHORELINEPARTNERSHIP.ORG/MI-SHORELINES1.HTML)

## MARINE SEAWALLS

- The following companies provide landscape and seawall solutions to aid in erosion control
- E. Niewoonder & Sons Inc., Landscape Construction and Seawalls, Kalamazoo, MI (269-382-0243)
- JBS Marine Contracting, Paw Paw, MI (269-674-9573)
- New Leaf Landscape Service, Dowagiac, MI (269-462-0966)

## TREE SERVICES

- For those needing tree services as a result of the water level, the following options have been provided
- DC Trees, Lawton, MI (269-501-3789)
- JC & Sons, Decatur, MI (269-423-7614)
- Pro-Cut Tree Services, Paw Paw, MI (616-657-7264)
- Tree Busters, South Haven, MI (269-352-5399)

## MILFOIL

- The Lake Cora Association has secured the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permit for chemical treatment and is effective from 2018-2021
- The chemical treatment, 24-D, will be professionally applied in late May to early June by Savin Lake Services.