

# THE LAKE CHEMUNG HERON

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## SPRING 2008

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The **Lake Chemung Fireworks** will take place on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>. The rain date is set for July 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Curt and Lisa Price for coordinating the fireworks again this year! We look forward to another great show! Please send contributions to: The Price's at 5393 Wildwood Drive, Howell MI 48843. The earlier they receive donations, the larger the display will be. \*Every dollar counts!!

We will be having the annual **Boat Parade** at 11:00 a.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The theme is open; let's see how creative you are! We ask that water balloons, etc. please be held until after the parade and judging are completed so that everyone can enjoy the lovely decorations. We are looking volunteers to help coordinate the event, and also judges for the event. Please contact Lyn Hewitt at [hayhewitt@yahoo.com](mailto:hayhewitt@yahoo.com) if you are interested in being involved this fun annual summer event at our lake.

**Weed Control Update:** Ginny Himich writes: in November/December 2007, Progressive AE, our lake manager, prepared a five year Lake Management Plan for Lake Chemung that was submitted to the DEQ as part of our application to treat the lake with the aquatic herbicide Sonar (also known as fluridone). The Lake Management Plan is posted on the Lake Chemung web site at <http://members.ismi.net/lakechemung>. The DEQ issued Lake Chemung's permit to apply Sonar in April of 2008.

On April 29, Aqua-Weed Control of Holly treated all of Lake Chemung with Sonar at a dose rate of 6 parts per billion. Sonar is used to control the nuisance non-native plant Eurasian milfoil. Within two weeks after the treatment, staff from Aqua-Weed Control will collect samples to test the concentration of Sonar in the water. Approximately one week after testing, Lake Chemung will be re-treated to bring the concentration of Sonar back up to 6 parts per billion. After the second herbicide application, there will be no further herbicide use in the lake in 2008, with the exception of treatments for algae growth. When applied properly, Sonar has been found to be quite effective in controlling Eurasian milfoil growth. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) only allows Sonar to be used once in any three-year period, and restricts the use of other herbicides during the year of treatment. It is important to note that while Sonar is effective, it is very slow-acting at the doses allowed by MDEQ. Therefore, residents should not expect to see complete die-back until late June. While the plants are dying, you may notice strings of algae that look like green hair attached to the plants. This is normal and occurs because the algae takes advantage of the nutrients that are released from the dying plants. The MDEQ permit does allow the algae to be treated. Because Sonar is generally so effective in suppressing plant growth, it

is often not necessary to harvest during the year of a Sonar treatment. The lake management consultant, Progressive AE, will conduct plant surveys periodically throughout the summer to monitor plant growth and determine whether algae treatments will be needed. Thanks to Pam Tynning for this informative article, and to Jerry Matevia for assisting Pam with the treatment on such a chilly day!

The **LCRA** has a **new meeting location**. Beginning May 7, 2008 and until further notice, the Lake Chemung Riparian Association will meet at Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts on Hughes Road. The association meets the first Wednesday of Feb, Apr, May, Jun, Aug (Annual) and Sep. We would love to see you at our annual meeting in August to hear your thoughts on the lake and what the association can do for you. Thank you LCORI for offering us a new meeting location. Also, huge thanks to Joanne Kowalenok and the International Society for your hospitality and all of the meetings you have hosted in the past. Joanne, best wishes on your move!

All Lake Chemung residents are invited to take part in an annual **Yard Sale**. The sale will take place from 9 am-12 noon on **August 2, 2008** on Hughes Road in front of Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts. Tables are available to rent for \$10 each. A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the yard sale. Please contact office manager Janet at 517-546-6361 for additional information or to reserve tables for the sale.

We are saddened to share the loss of one of our neighbors. **Carl Martin**, a long time Lake Chemung resident passed away on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones.

The Annual **Michigan Lake and Stream Association** Conference was held in Grayling April 25-27. The conference was well attended by members new and old. The conference ran on schedule despite a Thursday evacuation and forest fire that passed through the area and up to the parking lot of the conference center. The seminar was very informative about current issues involving Michigan water.

## Classifieds

### For Sale

2003 Sea-Doo bought new in 04. 2 - GTI/LE Wave Runners with covers and a Karavan Trailer and 2 hoist. Great condition. \$ 9,000.00. For information: [lprice@chemtrend.com](mailto:lprice@chemtrend.com) (Chemung)

1986 Mastercraft 19ft with Mastercraft Trailer and Hoist with Canopy. New 351 Windsor Motor in 07 and new interior in 06. Runs and looks brand new. \$12,000.00. For information: [lprice@chemtrend.com](mailto:lprice@chemtrend.com) (Howell)

Exercise Bike - BH Ergometer 7000E - \$30. (Bass Lake) 313-806-7870

### Services Available

Grass Master: Grass cutting, trimming & raking Also, helping with docks, gardens and general clean-up. I am Stephen Best, "the Grass Master". For the last five years I have done general yard work around the neighborhood. I have many long term satisfied customers. I look forward to helping you out and adding you as a satisfied customer. Please call for a quote. GRASSHOPPER Stephen Best, age 16; Student at Howell HS Cell phone; 517-375-3443 Home phone; 517-548-6406 Email; [hockey0821@yahoo.com](mailto:hockey0821@yahoo.com) 628 Pathway Drive, Howell.

Thoughts? Ideas? Comments? Let us know: Letters to the Editor: Lyn Hewitt [hayhewitt@yahoo.com](mailto:hayhewitt@yahoo.com)

## 9 Things You Can Do to Save Water:

Use these water-saving guidelines to see how many gallons you and your family could conserve each year.

**The Task:** Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.

**Why It's Worth It:** Brushing your teeth seems like a quick job, but before you know it, four gallons of water may have slipped down the sink. **Your One-Year Effect:** 2,880 gallons of water saved. **The Effect If Everyone in the U.S. Did It for One Year:** More than four times the Mississippi River's annual flow of water.

**The Task:** Bring your water with you. **Why It's Worth It:** Buying a daily bottle of water may quench your thirst, but it parches the planet. Each one-liter plastic bottle takes seven liters of water to produce. Refilling your own bottle directs the water where it's needed — into your body. **Your One-Year Effect:** 577 gallons of water saved. **The Effect If Everyone in the U.S. Did It for One Year:** Equal to the amount of water that would cover Washington, D.C., by 52 feet.

**The Task:** Eat one more vegetarian meal a week. **Why It's Worth It:** It takes a lot of water to grow the grain to feed the cow that ultimately produces a hamburger. Replacing just four ounces of beef in your diet a week with a vegetarian option can save more than 3,000 gallons of water. **Your One-Year Effect:** 171,704 gallons of water saved. **The Effect If Everyone in the U.S. Did It for One Year:** More than twice the volume of water in the Chesapeake Bay.

**The Task:** Buy recycled-paper products. **Why It's Worth It:** Products made from 100 percent recycled paper require much less water in their manufacturing than do those made from virgin paper. If your family goes through four rolls of paper towels a week, choosing recycled reduces waste significantly. **Your One-Year Effect:** 637 gallons of water saved. **The Effect If Every Household in the U.S. Did It for One Year:** More than the amount of water that cascades over Niagara Falls in a day.

**The Task:** Install a low-flow showerhead. **Why It's Worth It:** Low-flow showerheads cut water use in half. If you take a five-minute shower using this type of showerhead, the showerhead would save enough water

in a year to fill a 15-foot aboveground pool. Plus, you save all the energy that would have gone into heating the shower water. **Your One-Year Effect:** 4,550 gallons of water saved. **The Effect If Everyone in the U.S. Did It for One Year:** Enough water to fill about 2,100 Giants Stadiums.

**The Task:** Use a lower setting on your dishwasher.

**Why It's Worth It:** Contrary to popular belief, it's almost never necessary to use the normal setting on a dishwasher or to rinse plates beforehand. The light-wash setting cleans just as well while reducing water use up to 55 percent. **Your One-Year Effect:** 2,860 gallons of water saved. **The Effect If Every Household in the U.S. Did It for One Year:** Equal to the amount of water that would cover Rhode Island by a foot.

**The Task:** Water your lawn in the early morning or evening. **Why It's Worth It:** If you irrigate in the middle of the day, evaporation prevents 14 percent of the water from reaching the plants' roots. Watering the lawn in the early morning or evening can save the typical home owner 87 gallons a week. **Your One-Year Effect:** 4,524 gallons of water saved. **The Effect If Every Household in the U.S. Did It for One Year:** Equal to nine times the annual rainfall in Seattle.

**The Task:** Water your lawn with a hose, not a sprinkler. **Why It's Worth It:** The average single-family home pours at least 25,000 gallons of water a year on the lawn — more than double the amount used inside. People are smarter than automatic sprinklers: Watering with a hose is at least twice as efficient. **Your One-Year Effect:** 12,500 gallons of water saved. **The Effect If Every Household in the U.S. Did It for One Year:** Equal to the volume of water in Shasta Lake, in northern California.

**The Task:** Install faucet aerators. **Why It's Worth It:** Faucets account for 15 percent of indoor water use and typically flow at twice the rate they should. Installing aerators in kitchen and bathroom sinks fixes this problem for only a dollar or two per sink. **Your One-Year Effect:** 1,000 gallons of water saved. **The Effect If Every Household in the U.S. Did It for One Year:** Equal to the 10-day water supply for New York City.

<http://www.realsimple.com/realsimple/gallery/0,21863,1717653-1,00.html> March 2008

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*Urgent Notice...* **PLEASE HELP!**

*Very few lake residents have renewed their LCRA memberships for this year. Without dues paying members, the board cannot continue to offer the many services that we provide. If you support what the LCRA is trying to do for Lake Chemung, please remit your dues. \$15.00/year is a small price to pay to preserve the quality and enjoyment of our lake.*

**What We Do...** The mission of the LCRA is to control lake pollution and to preserve the recreational quality of the lake through water testing, aquatic weed control, surface water drainage studies, lake-user education, and activities that help prevent improper construction and development and that promote safe boating practices. Membership money is used to:

- Provide lake-related educational training and brochures to the membership,
- Publish and mail an annual newsletter and maintain a website for information sharing,
- Coordinate and oversee an aquatic plant management program for the lake,
- Recommend and promote activities that will enhance watershed protection,
- Award a college scholarship to a local high school student and/or work with a high school program to perform a project beneficial to the lake,
- Coordinate activities for member enjoyment such as the July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade,
- Perform routine lake testing to evaluate the long-term water quality in the lake, and
- Perform other activities, programs, and projects that meet the goals of the Association as recommended by the membership.

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*Annual Membership Dues/September 2007 through August 2008*

*Make checks payable to the LCRA and mail to the address above*

Annual fee: \$15.00

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

New Member?  Yes  No

Information to include in the LCRA newsletter:

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