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# LAKE GENEVA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message - Stu Shafer

It was wonderful to see everyone at our Annual Meeting on March 9, 2006. With about 50 members present, we discussed our finances, which are now in good shape thanks to the dues increase, the efficiency of the new West Beach pump, and other savings.

Bob McClean and Dan Norberg decided to not run for re-election, and Heidi Fernandez resigned from the Board of Directors. Heidi has agreed to continue maintaining our Website, and Dan and Bob have offered to help as necessary. We will miss them very much. Each offered their unique talents and perspectives, and worked incredibly hard.

Terry Gartside was re-elected to a 3 year term, and we welcome Jay Roorbach, Ray Draeger, and Doug Earle to the Board.

Terry had indicated that he would not be running for re-election, but changed his mind several days prior to the Annual Meeting. Anticipating his resignation, and in honor of all of Terry's hard work at the parks, the Board presented Terry with a plaque and will be planting a tree in the park this Spring.

As a result of a combination of hard work by Terry Gartside, Kathi

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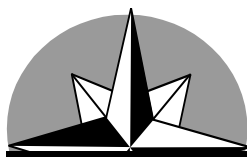
## MEET JAKE THE RAKE

Hi. I'm Jake the Rake. Just here to help you with some turf talk. There's nothing like the melting snow and buds peeking out from the ground to inspire us to take a look at our yard's condition. A thorough hand raking is an excellent exercise for you and your lawn. Getting the roots of the grass to breath is so important. Now you are ready for seeding or sodding.

If in the process of raking you encounter what you think may be a grub situation, call in a lawn service for a free analysis before tackling an undiagnosed problem. Grubs can be handled by a professional or you can do it yourself.

The best time to kill white grubs is when they are closest to the soil's surface and when the grubs are young. In their smallest stages (after emerging from eggs) they have far less resistance to insecticides applied to the lawn. This happens when the soil and air are both very warm. Of course, it's always better to start with non-chemical, environmentally safe ideas and work your way up from there. Through a catalog or at your local gardening store you can buy insect eating nematodes or milky spore. If you are using pesticides, any application prior to mid July will not work.

Do not confuse pest control with fertilizer applications. If you choose to use a chemical, Merit is the best answer. It should be applied **no sooner than mid June and no later than early August**. Merit is a systemic insecticide, which means that the poison is taken up by the root system of the plant. As grubs feed on the plant, they are ingesting your insecticide. Using a product with systemic action means that you do not have to depend on the targeted pest to come into contact with applied products. This action also aids in the long residual of the product because insecticides that are inside the plant and its roots cannot be harmed as much by the sun or other elements. Be careful to ensure that you do not apply pesticides within 10 to 20 feet of the lake.



The DeWitt Grain Elevator will once again stock Phosphorus Free Fertilizer (23-0-30) this year. You can purchase it for \$11.25 per 50 lb. bag.

669.5950

## Parks and Beaches By Kathi Dominguez

Do you plan to use the parks or beaches this season? We sure hope you will, and just in case, we are working hard to spring clean both areas in anticipation of your visit. What a great place to gather for celebrations and enjoyment. The water is clean and the grounds mowed and trimmed. Area residents cleaning their garden beds are phoning to donate their perennials. Yes, we are preparing for a great summer.

To help keep the areas welcoming for all, please leave your pets at home, tidy your spot before you depart, and if you see a watering can next to the pump, please water the flowers. We also leave a rake near the beach for those who just can't sit still and wish to help us keep the sand free from leaves, washed ashore weeds, and other debris.

Last year we made great strides with improving the parking lots, border beds, and the health of the trees and shrubs. This year we will continue with those projects while adding fertilization and grub management to our maintenance program. Trash receptacles and handicapped restrooms will be available on site May through October.

If you have any park and beach concerns or, would like to be a part of the garden group planting in the beach borders, or have plants to donate, please phone Kathi Dominguez at 517-669-5112, or email at [dominguezk@comcast.net](mailto:dominguezk@comcast.net).

## MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

### RAY DRAEGER

Ray Draeger has been a resident of DeWitt for three years. He and his wife Mary Jo have two children, France, 11, and Wally, 8.

Ray has been in the Army for 25 years. Currently an active duty officer, he has served in a variety of capacities, such as, chief instructor and operations officer, chief of the operations division, with training in Japanese ground self-defense, and as a commander and battalion officer training in airborne-related special forces.

As a mission crew commander, he flew 45 combat sorties with over 500 combat hours. Ray has traveled all over the world countless times.

Presently Ray works as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Michigan State University in the Department of Military Science. He teaches three colleges classes, manages a staff of 12, and is a liaison with MSU and army staff.

Ray joins the board with an eye toward a monumental change this summer when he will be retiring from military life to start a new career as a teacher.

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## WELCOMING COMMITTEE REESTABLISHED

-Barb Hamm

As of October 2005, we have a new 25 member Welcoming Committee with a creative concept. Barb Hamm, chair of the Committee, has developed a new approach. Barb color coded a plat map of the Association into 25 sections and recruited a volunteer from each section. Our goal is to timely greet each of our new members.

The Welcoming Committee will meet in October each year to exchange ideas and give a brief orientation to new Greeters. Each Greeter is provided with a packet containing an explanation of their responsibilities, a map of their section, and extra copies of the LGPOA Handbook, which provides information regarding building restrictions and issues related to fishing, boating, the parks, lake safe lawn care, as well as an explanation of the functions of the Board and various Committees.

Currently 24 of the 25 sections have a volunteer Greeter. We need one more Greeter for a 19-home section of Larkwood Drive that runs between Longspur and Sandhill. If you, or anyone you know, can help us fill that spot, please call Barb Hamm at 669-5656.



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**MEET JAY ROORBACH**

We also welcome Jay Roorbach to the area. Jay's background includes over 17 years of experience in emergency management, and public and environmental safety, and program management. Prior to his new job as manager of the Urban Area Support Unit within the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police, Jay was the Branch Chief in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Domestic Preparedness and worked for several contractors to the U.S. Departments of Justice, Defense, Transportation, and Homeland Security. Jay spent 11 years in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps, and served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Jay and his wife, Jen Marthia, relocated to DeWitt from Virginia in June 2005 with their beagle, Paco. While in Virginia, Jay served on Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council and Fairfax County Tree Commission. An avid soccer player, Jay also volunteered as a photo marshal for the Washington Freedom Women's Professional soccer team and the FIFA 2003 Women's World Cup.

We have new bike racks available at the East Beach in the south corner of the parking lot and the West Beach a few feet inside the main entrance. We would appreciate it if you would not ride your bikes into or through our parks to ensure the safety of our children and to not damage the wonderful work done by our Parks Committee and volunteers. Please tell your children.

**REMINDERS:**

- \* **New Keys.** New keys are available for the boat launches. **THE OLD KEYS NO LONGER WORK.** If you need to replace an old key or need a new key, please contact Terry Gartside - 669. 3272.
- \* **Beach Passes and Boat Stickers.** It is our intent to issue beach passes to members upon the payment of their membership dues. It is important to bring your beach pass with you to the beach and to place your boat sticker on the front right side. Don't be offended if someone asks for your pass. If you believe someone is trespassing, ask for their pass/sticker. If they do not have one, ask them to leave or call the police.
- \* **Dogs.** No dogs in the parks. This rule was voted in by the members and is for everyone's safety.
- \* **Fishing.** Catch and release only. The board works hard to keep proper ecological balance in our lake. Part of that balance is our wildlife. If you enjoyed catching that bass or pike, allow someone else the same pleasure.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:****Beaches / Parks:**

Kathi Dominguez (Chair), Terry Gartside, Liz Rhoads, Chadd Smith, Yvonne Lantz, Jay Roorbach

**Building Control:**

Dan Skorich (Chair), Dan Norberg, Chadd Smith

**City Liaison:**

Dan Skorich (Chair), Kathi Dominguez

**Compliance:**

Doug Earle (Chair), Jay Roorbach, Terry Gartside

**Lake Level and Water Quality:**

Chadd Smith (Chair), Tim Walter, Ray Draeger, Doug Earle

**Newsletter, Website, and Information:**

Terry Gartside (Chair), Melissa DeMong, Heidi Fernandez, Jen Marthia


**Welcoming:**


Barb Hamm (Chair), Doug Earle, Ray Draeger, Deneen Benham, Liz Rhoads

Assistant Treasurer: Michael E. Lacharite

**FUNKY FIDO FACTS**

Did you know that a large majority of our water washes into the lake and nearby creeks and rivers and *not* into a water treatment plant? That's also where our storm drains empty.

 Pet waste is full of bacteria. All of that bacteria degrades the water quality and pollutes our environment. The waste produced by the dogs and cats in the Tri-County Region is about the same as what 50,000 people (the population of East Lansing) would produce.

 Please be mindful of this and don't let leave your pet waste unattended, even in forested areas or seldom traversed sections of the community (FYI, this includes the path.) Pick up after your pets before watering your yard or cleaning patios and driveways. Never hose pet waste into the street or drains. For more information go to [www.mywatersheds.org](http://www.mywatersheds.org)