



## Lake Columbia

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# The Columbian



## 2012 Lake Columbia Memorial Day Fishing Tournament

The Tournament was held on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>, with 25 Boats signing up by 6:30 am. We fished until 11:30 and had the weigh in at Big Bedford Park. The day was perfect for fishing and the new improvements to the Park looked great.

All together we collected \$970, and paid out \$800 in Prize Money, with \$170 going to our Fish Stocking Fund, and the Prize Pole.

The Winners are:

Walleye	3.08 pounds	Dan Trubak	\$250.00
Smallmouth Bass	2.58 lbs	Tim Polaski	\$250.00
Largemouth Bass	5.10 lbs	Zach Bivins	\$250.00
Other-Carp	11.55 lbs	Team Kemp	\$ 50.00

And the Winner of the New Fishing Pole was Bode Carpenter

Thanks to everyone that participated and thanks to Knutson's for donating the use of their Tournament Scale. Please keep the donations coming and make sure you let your Shore Director know how important our Fishery here at the Lake is.

Todd Wanty, Matt Logan, Steve Hunter, Jim Badge



## **Congratulations 2012 Boat Parade Winners**

1st Place—Pulter Family Wedding Party

2nd Place—Clayton Family & Friends

3rd Place—Klotz Family & Friends

One of our members, Walt & Lisa Strasser, of 284 Somerset Drive recently lost their home and almost all of their belongings to a fire. We are collecting gift certificates and money for them and their 2 young boys here at the LCPOA Office. It would be great if we could help them out in their time of need. They are a great Lake Columbia Family & could really use our help!

### **Carp Fishermen**

The bright lights you see out on the lake at night are not burglars, they are carp fishermen. They have special boats with halogen lights that help to attract the carp. They are not trying to shine them into your windows at night., they are trying to aim down into the water. The lights you are seeing are reflecting off of the lake. Most fishermen don't like to catch the carp & we have an abundance of them in our lake for catching.

### **Lake Use Restrictions after a Weed Treatment in the Lake**

We have had some questions from members regarding swimming, fishing & general use of lake water after Professional Lake Management has treated the lake weeds. Here are PLM's answers to your questions:

"As far as swimming, the restrictions only apply to the shoreline areas but some common sense should be applied. For example, if it is a bay or channel it is likely that some product will most likely be throughout. On the open lake, you can use non treated areas or use any water about 200 ft from shore in most places. We always over post areas to leave a buffer for possible drift."

"As far as watering grass and other irrigation, each product has a specific restriction. I cannot tell anyone to water earlier but I can say in 35 years we have never killed anyone's lawn or landscaping and people accidentally water every day. I think that if anyone ever waters by accident they should just know that it is very unlikely that anything bad would happen."

"As far as fish go, there are no products that have fishing or fish consumption restrictions. They are safe to eat."

Hopefully this answers some of your questions & if you have any others, feel free to contact the office & we will try to get an answer for you.

### **Please Be Kind & Considerate to your Neighbor**

We have had quite a few complaints from neighbor versus neighbor this year. I'm not sure if it is the heat or that we have all just forgotten the "Golden Rule". Please treat your neighbor with kindness, like you would like to be treated. Think before you speak or do. Sometimes in heated moments we say things we may regret & once it is said we can't undo. If you think it may offend someone, Don't say or do it. I know that may seem simple but remember, we will all have to live with each other. We are a Lake Community where we Work Hard & Play even Harder. Common Sense is a gift that we don't always have all the time. It is not your right to shoot fireworks off over your neighbors property late into the night or to dock your boat 3 feet from another property owner's shoreline. There are always 2 sides to every story. Please think if your actions or words may infringe upon someone else's rights before you do it. When in doubt, talk to your neighbor, or just don't do it.

**Please do not dispose of your yard waste, including grass clippings & leaves, into our lake.  
It is bad for the water & it violates Michigan's Littering Law.**



# **2nd Annual Picnic in the Park**



**Hawthorne/Waverly Park off of Hawthorne Dr.  
August 25th from 1:00-5:00PM**



Come out and enjoy a day at the park with your family and meet some new friends! (members only/no guests please)



Featuring food from West Texas Barbeque Co. consisting of:



Pork Shoulder (pulled and chopped)



Fresh Baked Beans w/Meat



Hot Dogs



Delicious Potato Salad



Creamy Country Coleslaw



Fresh Baked Sandwich Rolls



Watermelon



Water, Pop, & Juice Boxes



A Bouncer for the kids, Popcorn Machine, Dunk Tank and much more!



Please RSVP by August 13th to the office 592-2361, or Sylvia Hetke 734-231-3031, or e-mail [sylhetke@comcast.net](mailto:sylhetke@comcast.net) with number of adults and kids. Bring a side dish or dessert to pass. Some seating will be available but limited. You may want to bring your own chair.



**Hawthorne/Waverly Park Boat Ramp will be closed from August 24th-August 26th due to the Annual Picnic in the Park & the set up & tear down.**



If you have not already done so, come into the office & get your decals for your vehicles & watercraft.



## **Wish a Mile Bicycle Tour**

The Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour, or WAM as it is affectionately known by participants, is a three day, 300 mile and one day, 50 mile bicycle ride throughout the State to raise funds and awareness for Make-A-Wish Michigan. This year WAM celebrates 25 years of riding to grant wishes for Michigan children with life-threatening medical conditions.

WAM is the largest fundraiser for the Michigan chapter with a goal of raising \$2 million dollars to grant over 250 wishes for Michigan children! Approximately 900 WAM riders will travel on Hewitt Street on Sunday July 29th from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm as they make their way to the finish line at Michigan International Speedway. Feel free to offer words of encouragement to riders you may see.

**Please remember to follow proper boating procedures when driving on the lake.** Traffic patterns should be counter-clockwise, (or much like driving on the track at MIS; hopefully, without the speed). Go to [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) for more info. **Swim Rafts.** Please put deflector lights or something that will help other boaters know it is there in the dark. Safety should be a concern when using these out on the lake. **Let's have safe fun out on the lake this year!**



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### Park Improvements

Park improvements have been happening at many of our parks. All of our picnic tables have been newly stained (a big Thank you to many of our board members for giving up a few of their Saturdays to do this). New colorful Baby Bucket Swings & Sling Swings have been installed to replace worn or broken swings. Asphaltting & White PVC Border Fencing has been installed at Bedford East and Waverly/Hawthorne Parks. Painting of all the old Playground Equipment is in the works and a brand new Play Structure is being installed at Big Bedford/Bedford East Park. **Painting the parking lines for the newly surfaced parking lots are also on the agenda. In the meantime, please park with caution so as to not block the entrances & exits of the parks as well as the dock ramps.** Thank you for your patience while these renovations are taking place.



Bedford East Park



Waverly/Hawthorne Park



**A Huge Thank-You to Rich Turner & his Crew for their Voluntary Participation in the Setup & Display of the Excellent Fireworks again this year!! Great Job!**

