



**TO SALUTE THE**  
**END OF SUMMER,**  
**PLEASE JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND PARTY AT THE**  
**DOSTER MAIN BEACH**  
**ON**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**4:00 P.M. TO ???**

Volleyball and Horseshoes will be set up for team fun.  
 A bonfire will be lit at dusk for the party hearty.

**Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. under the tent.**

\*\*Please bring a dish to pass, your own plates, tableware, lawn chairs, and bonfire snacks.  
 Please bring a trash bag to carry home your used tableware and scraps.

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### Menu

Pig Roast & Chicken - Provided by LDHA for \$4 Adults/\$2 Children (12 & under)

**Beverages:**

Ice Tea, Soft Drinks, Water - Provided by LDHA for \$0.50 each  
 Beer - Available by the cup for a donation

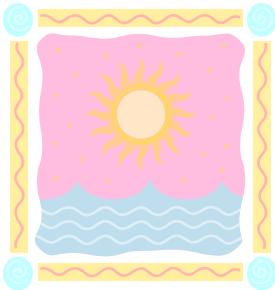
**Side Dishes:**

Hors d'oeuvres A - J  
 Salads/Vegetables K - Q  
 Desserts R - Z

**-Please bring a dish to pass according to your last name:**

# Lake Doster Homeowner's Association Newsletter

August 2006



## Calendar of Events:

- The next LDHA Board meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 11, 7:30 at the Clubhouse.
- End of Summer Picnic Sunday Sept. 3, 4pm
- Barry Cnty Household Hazardous Waste and Tire Collection, Sept. 23 9-1, Barry Cty Fairgrounds
- Boat numbers - Call Dave Hurwitz at 664-5364.
- Recycling: 2nd Wed. of each month, Gun Plain Township only.
- LDHA Website: [www.lakedoster.org](http://www.lakedoster.org)
- Webmaster e-mail: [dfortune@chartermi.net](mailto:dfortune@chartermi.net)
- LDHA Directory: Carole Kellogg at 664-6420.

## End of Summer Party

Sunday Sept.3, 4pm. Celebrate the end of summer with your neighbors. See the attached flyer for the details. Thanks to Dawn Sherman for organizing this event. **Volunteers are needed to set up the tent.** Please meet at the dam at Noon.

## Lake Notes

We are saddened to report the passing last month of Colleen Melkerson. A longtime resident of Lake Doster, Colleen was an active member of the community, involved on the LDHA Board and instrumental in the early phases of the lake acquisition project. Our condolences go to her husband Rich and her friends and family. She will be missed.

### Important

Aquila Gas Company has changed owners and phone numbers.  
New name: **Michigan Gas Utilities**  
Emergency Number is new: **1 800 401 6451**  
Customer Service number is: 1 800 401 6420  
web site: [www.michiganutilities.com](http://www.michiganutilities.com)

### Slow down!

School is about to begin. Please watch your speed in our neighborhood. Keep our children safe!

**Reminder:** If the red light is flashing at one of the sewer pumping stations please call the Township Hall, 685-9471. Instructions will be provided if you are calling after hours.

**Reminder:** Lake quiet hours are from 8:30 pm to 8:30 am. This means **no wake** during this period. Please respect your neighbors' peace and quiet!

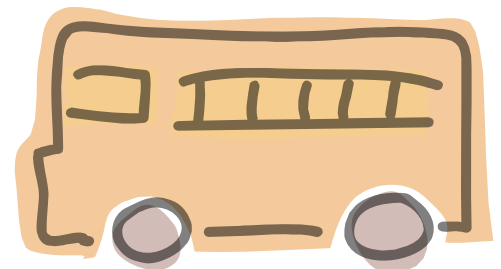
Collected after the 4th of July from the beach- An array of beach towels along with a pair of sunglasses. Found recently *in* the lake-1986 Plainwell High School DVD.

-Judy Joslin- 664-6262

If you find a boat or if your boat is missing, please call Dave Hurwitz at 664-5364. Boats get loose occasionally, especially during summer storms.

## Welcome new neighbors:

SIBBERSON, Melissa & David  
157 Country Club Blvd.  
(269)685-5471  
Alex 12-6-93



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## LDHA Meeting Minutes (8/14/06)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

**Board Members present:** Dave Fortune, Dave Hurwitz, Suzanne De Jong, Marilyn Brainerd, Ed Giffels, Cat Below.

### Treasurer's Report-Dave Hurwitz:

\$11,515.29	7/08/06 Balance
Deposits:	
\$525.00	Dues Received
\$642.40	7/4 Party
Payments:	
\$70.00	Portajohn for 7/4
\$9.78	Big Top for 7/4
\$50.00	Gift Certificate
\$135.30	July Newsletter/Extra Directories
\$265.08	Total
<b>\$12417.61</b>	8/14/06 Balance

- The 2006-2007 proposed Budget was presented and discussed. A line by line examination will take place at a future Board meeting.

### Secretary's Report

- A thank you note from Jane Secor was read and entered. Thanks again for your help Jane.
- The LDHA Newsletter will be delivered before the end of the month of each meeting.

### Maintenance Report

- A huge thanks goes out to Dawn Sherman, Jack Kellogg and Ray Dertz for their hard work cleaning up the Lake Doster entrance this month.
- The board approved up to \$100.00 for landscaping materials
- Possible future Lake Doster Gardening Committee discussed

### Membership/Newcomer's Report - Marilyn Brainerd

- 320 of 414 residents have joined the Homeowners Association .
- Four newcomers packets were delivered this month.

### Social Report

- Details of End of Summer Picnic discussed
- Volunteers needed to raise tent for party. September 3, Noon

### Safety Report - Suzanne DeJong

- The Sheriff was on the lake this month. Please be aware that the Sheriff does put a boat in the water if requested. Remember, **all boating laws apply to Lake Doster even though it is a private lake.**
- Possibility of establishing a Neighborhood Watch program was discussed.
- Suzanne is moving. We thank her very much for her involvement with LDHA and her commitment to our neighborhood. We'll miss you.
- Hal Ford has graciously decided to fulfill the remainder of Suzanne's term. Hal has an extensive background in law enforcement and is a welcome addition to the LDHA Board. Welcome and thank you Hal.

**Local Government – Casey Jones**

- o The acquisition of Plainwell Paper Company property by City of Plainwell is complete.
- o A new City of Plainwell website will be dedicated to the economic development of the Paper Company site.
- o A new dock at the Mill Race improves recreational opportunities in Plainwell.
- o A kayak livery and a skydiving operation have opened in Plainwell, further improvements to the quality of our community.

**Old Business**

In the matter of giving gift certificates to non-Board members for contributions above and beyond. After careful consideration, it was decided that the Board would treat each incident separately.

**Pathway Project:**

A resolution was passed by Prairieville Township accepting liability and maintenance of a pathway connecting Heron Court with S. Lake Doster Drive. Gun Plain Township recently passed a similar resolution. This project will enable residents to walk safely around the lake. A grant application will be submitted to the Barry County Road Commission to supply 80% of needed funds. Once approved, construction should begin within 3-4 months.

**New Business**

Discussion regarding the appropriateness of some form of recognition of Lake Doster veterans. The initial response of veterans serving on the LDHA Board was that this was not necessary.

**Volunteer Task Force**

A task force will be established to recruit a corp of Lake Doster volunteers. The first meeting will take place at 6:45 before the LDHA Board meeting. This task force will exist for three months. If you like to help with this project, please come to the meeting. Call any Board member if you have any questions.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:30**

**Your LDHA Board**

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Here's a picture taken by Noel Mohberg of his fellow LDHA Water Quality Committee hard at work making the lake safer and more accident free by removing dangerous stumps from boating lanes. The "Stalwarts of the Deep" pictured here are Casey Allen, Tom Whittington, Larry Kunkle, Bob Martin, Curtis Powell, John Bair and Kevin Brady. This committee is also responsible for all the great improvements to the beach area such as removing the brush and trees that made the beach more inviting and installing the boat tie-ups all along the beach. There is more work to be done but these "Movers of the Muck" are ready, willing and possibly able.

## For Sale/Wanted

**Doster area office:** Part time and flexible hours. Number and computer skills. Please call Monty Wilson: 664-4226

### For Sale. 18' Fishing Boat – 1984 SeaNymph

40 hp Mercury engine with trolling motor and fish finder. \$3,800 or best offer. Call Rich: 664-5299

**For Sale:** Tanning Bed, 30 bulb Tan America with CD Player built in. Great for home or business. \$2500 OBO Call 664-4030 for more info.

**Work Wanted.** KVCC student will mow, weed and clean up your yard or lakefront. Please call Walter at 664-5310.

**Longaberger Baskets & Pottery:** Beautiful baskets, kitchen accessories, spices & food. Call to schedule a catalogue party or receive a catalogue. Johanna Hoelscher 685-8112.

**Need a better view?** Tree Trimming by Lake Doster Resident. Reasonable prices. Call Rich for a free estimate@ 664-5299. ~Chain Sharpening for \$2.50 Each~~

**Plainwell Store Away:** Special storage unit prices for Lake Doster residents. Call Ben at 929-1830.

**Creative Memories:** Scrapbook supplies conveniently located in your neighborhood. Home-based business offers personal shopping, crops and home demonstrations. Call for new catalog, crop dates, personal shopping appointment, or home demonstration. Call Sharon at 664-4883 or email: bnsschmidt@worldnet.att.net Memory keeping at its best!

**Singing Class** - 4 student limit, 5th-7th grades, \$5 each. Private Piano & Voice Lessons, Janet Richards, 275A Fairway ct., 664-5380, [jrich19@aol.com](mailto:jrich19@aol.com).

**For Sale:** Silk arrangements for all occasions: oriental, nautical, etc: centerpieces and gift items. Call Mary Jane at 685-8287.

**Work Wanted**—Yard work, odd jobs, animal sitting and walking, etc. Call Tom Richmond at 664-3277.

**Neighborhood Handyman** available (landscaping, tile work, shelving, etc.). Call Chuck Gregory on Horseshoe Court at 685-5032 or cell phone #501-7706.

**Printex:** Doster residents, Jim and Marlene Berry, offer free pickup and delivery of printing to any Lake Doster resident's home or business. Get \$25 off your first new order over \$150. Call today for more info 962-5500.

## Neighborhood Services

### Baby Sitters:

Emily Burley (4/2/90)**	664-6969
Rosie Cool (04/12/91)	664-3613
Helen Dolley (1/13/93)**	664-5658
Ariel Gray (10/27/89)**	664-5195
Michael Haas (7/26/92)	664-5417
Jordan Hoelscher (12/8/94)*	685-8112
Juliah Hoelscher (12/8/94) *	685-8112
Jordan & Julia are also Red Cross Certified	
Catey Koch (9/23/93)*	664-6096
Abby Murray (3/14/88)	664-6643
Sarah Myles	664-3059
Alexa Sheets (4/23/93)	664-5810
Jenna Sheets (5/10/90)	664-5810
Branden Stewart (10/11/88)	664-3613
Sarah Skocelas (5/25/89)* *	664-4181
Katy Whited (5/10/90)	664-5500
Kelsey Whittaker (06/03/90)	
Please call for resume'.	664-6232
* Bronson Safe Sitter Certified	
**Red Cross Certified	

### Pet Sitting:

Erin Cool (1/21/88)	664-3613
Rosie Cool (04/12/91)	664-3613
Helen Dolley (1/13/93)	664-5658
Ariel Gray (10/27/89)	685-5195
Gena Haas (9/1/90)	664-5417
Jordan Hoelscher (12/8/94)	685-8112
Juliah Hoelscher (12/8/94)	685-8112
Katie Reed (12/4/95)	685-8027
Alexa Sheets (4/23/93)	664-5810
Jenna Sheets (5/10/90)	664-5810
Sarah Skocelas (5/15/89)	664-4181
Abby Murray (3/14/88)	664-6643
Zach Saar (6/22/93)	664-4778
Branden Stewart (10/11/88)	664-3613

### Yard Work:

Michael Haas (7/26/92)	664-5417
Zach Saar (6/22/93)	664-4778

Advertisements and personal notices should be submitted to Cat Below at [cab246@charter.net](mailto:cab246@charter.net) by the second Wednesday of the month. Anyone submitting an ad or notice must be a member of LDHA. Include your name, address, phone number and birthday (children only). Please be brief—two or three lines. Unless you specify otherwise, ads or notices will run for two months.