

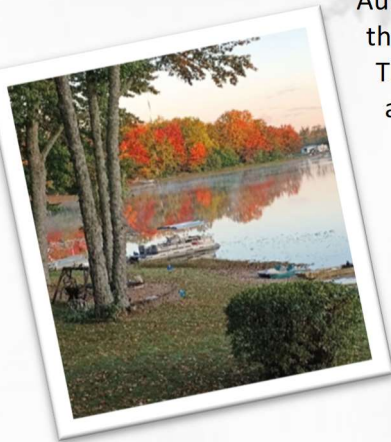
# HOGBACK LAKE ASSOCIATION Newsletter

December 2023 Issue

Well, another summer on Hogback Lake has come to an end... but that doesn't mean the good times end.

Autumn on the lake is just stunning! I can't think of a better place to enjoy Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, and the granddaddy of them all... Christmas.

We'll miss seeing everyone who has gone on to warmer climates during the winter, as well as those who have locked up for the season. We look forward to seeing you all back here in the spring/summer. As for the rest of us, well here's what we've been up to on the lake:



## Hallowe'en Tricks...



*The only thing better than Halloween on Hogback Lake, is Halloween on Hogback Lake with these characters. Good times, good food, great neighbors.*



October 2023 brought together a group of Hogback Lake neighbors who celebrated the Halloween season together. We were decked out in some 'groovy' costumes, but we recognized each other enough to put faces with names; and we got to know each other just a little bit better. It's likely that this was the last lake neighborhood social event of 2023. I look forward to the opportunity to enjoy more events like this with you all. So, here's what I was thinking:

Let's make this Halloween gathering an annual event on the first weekend in October – we can call this our end of season event before many of us leave for the winter. And while we're at it, why don't we have a Cinco De Mayo event or spring fling in May to welcome everyone back from a long winter break. Is this something you'd be interested in? Let me know at [jkeeleen@live.com](mailto:jkeeleen@live.com).

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you all again this summer!



Charcuterie by Sarah Jelsomeno



Winners: best costume trophy

## SOUP'S ON...



Italian Bowtie Soup

Who doesn't like a nice warm bowl of soup during the cold winter months? This Italian Bowtie Soup will hit the spot.

### INGREDIENTS

4 oz carrots (about 4)	1 medium yellow onion
1 lb. ground Italian sausage	1 TBS Italian seasoning
1 tsp garlic powder	48 oz box chicken broth
6 oz Farfalle (Bowtie) pasta	½ cup parmesan cheese
1 tsp chili flakes (optional)	5 oz baby spinach

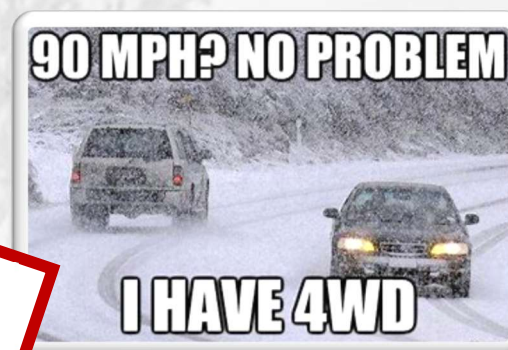
### Let's Make Soup

1. Prep:
  - a. Peel and cut carrots into bite sized pieces.
  - b. Finely chop onion.
2. Cook Sausage:
  - a. Heat a drizzle of olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat.
  - b. Add ground sausage and cook until browned (about 4-6 minutes). It'll finish cooking in the next step.
3. Cook Veggies:
  - a. Add another drizzle of olive oil to the pot with the sausage if needed.
  - b. Stir in carrots, onions, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, & (optional) pepper flakes.
  - c. Cook until veggies are al dente and sausage is cooked through (about 5 – 7 minutes)
4. Simmer:
  - a. Add broth (scrape any brown goodness from the bottom of the pot) and pasta.
  - b. Cover and bring to a boil, then immediately reduce heat to low and simmer until pasta is al dente (about 10 minutes).
5. Finally:
  - a. Add spinach to the pot and continue cooking until the spinach is wilted.
  - b. Add salt and pepper to taste (if needed)
  - c. Ladle soup into bowl and top with parmesan cheese.

Enjoy!

So, winter is here! While some may complain about the cold, snowy weather; Michiganders will tell you to, 'hold my beer'. But before you jump on your sleds and tubes; and strap on your skis and skates, remember some of these cold weather tips.

- Layer your clothes to stay warm and comfortable.
- Shoveling/plowing snow regularly will save you from having to clear accumulated snow and ice, because if you think you're done shoveling... you're not!
- Lake effect snow is real.
- Make sure you have good tires on your car, the windshield wiper fluid is topped off, and drive like you understand that snow and ice is slippery. Oh, and clean the snow off your car *before* driving, not *while* driving.
- Also, keeping an extra blanket in your car isn't such a bad idea.



**NOPE!**



In addition to Christmas, December brings with it colder weather and snow; as well as the shortest days and longest nights. January isn't much better, typically boasting the **coldest** days of the year. It's always a good idea to be mindful of others in your community... especially those who may have physical or mental struggles.



## DID YOU KNOW?...

- The first song ever played in space was a Christmas song; can you guess which one it was?
- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was created in 1939 as a promotional stunt for Montgomery Ward department store... but do you know what other names were considered?
- Michigan is 1 of 6 top Christmas Tree producing states. Do you know the other 5 states?

Find the answers on p.4.



*Attention Hogback Lake die-hard ice fishing and winter loving enthusiasts...*

*WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOUR BEST SHOTS!*

*Please consider sharing photos this year*

## HOGBACK LAKE WEED & ALGAE TREATMENT NOTICE

Below is information regarding the PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. weed and algae treatment for the **2024 season** on Hogback Lake:

**Description:** Three treatments of lake frontage for weed and algae for the 2024 season

10% Discount for customers who prepay **prior to December 31, 2023**. PLM will treat either 100 feet out from shoreline or out to 5 feet deep. Be aware that this program does not target lily pads or cattails. If you'd like to change the number of feet, please call 616 891-1294.

To ensure that you are included in the first treatment this summer, you must pay for the program by April 1, 2024 (10% discount only applies to early payment dated prior to 12/31/23).

On a side note, PLM recognizes that the continuous use of paper mail is neither efficient nor environmentally friendly. Therefore, customers are encouraged to sign up for electronic communication regarding **ALL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE** to include estimates, invoices, payment reminders and collection letters. They will continue to use USPS for all other communications. You should direct any questions or concerns to PLM. If you are interested in participating in electronic communication, please forward the name of the account holder, the lake name, and the preferred email contact info to the below address:

PLM Lake & Land Management Corp.  
Great lakes Region  
PO Box 438  
Howard City, MI 49329  
[www.plmcorp.net](http://www.plmcorp.net)  
616 891-1294

*Not an actual photo of PLM or Hogback Lake*

# MEET THE BOARD

This quarter, we'd like to introduce you to the Hogback Lake Association president:

In July 2023 the presidency changed hands from Dan Beachnau to our current president Shaun Killeen. Shaun has been a member of our community for 11 years. You may have seen him planting fish on Hogback in the spring, or just cruising the lake on the 'Hogback Queen' with *his* queen, Sarah.

Whether he's playing hockey, riding his bike, tubing or 'being fancy like...' Shaun loves spending time with his family and friends. We look forward to the energy he will bring to our association.



## 'DID YOU KNOW' (Cont'd.)

- On 12/16/1965, two astronauts (while in orbit) played Jingle Bells on a harmonica and bells which they snuck aboard the craft. (Britannica)
- Other names considered for Rudolph were Rodney, Rollo, Reginald, and Romeo. Can you imagine it... Romeo the Red Nosed Reindeer? (Hullinger)
- The top six Christmas Tree producers are: Oregon, N. Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin. About 1.5 million trees are harvested annually from Michigan alone. (McIntyre)