

HOGBACK LAKE COMMUNITY

newsletter



March 2024

Winter 2023 began with a slow start - it didn't really "begin to look a lot like Christmas" until well, **after** Christmas. Yes, we had a couple of winter storms, but the old adage: In like a lamb/out like a lion certainly was not the case in Michigan. Instead, except for a little white dusting, it was more like in like a lamb/out like a sheep. And now that Punxsutawney Phil has failed to scare himself back into his hole, we can put winter behind us and start thinking spring.

Here are a few ideas to help you welcome and enjoy the season's change:

1. If you're in the mood to do a little spring cleaning, why not begin with a garage sale (or fb marketplace sale)? You can declutter your space by getting rid of some things you no longer need.
2. Taking a hike is a great way to get some fresh air and (bonus) outdoor exercise.
3. If you like to bird watch, this is the perfect time to place bird feeders in your space.
4. Maybe change your hair with the change in weather. A different hairstyle, cut or color can make you feel like a new person.
5. And of course, you could always plant a garden.

So Hogbackians, it's time to **shake** off those winter blahs and get ready for the springtime aahs. You may even find yourself with an extra 'spring' in your step 😊.



Did You Know???

We may all know that Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th. But did you know...

...St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was **not** born in Ireland? In fact, he was born in Britain. At the age of 16, St. Patrick was enslaved by Irish raiders who brought him to Ireland. He escaped and fled the country but returned six years later as a Christian missionary.

And you probably know that we wear green (and drink green beer and dye our hair & rivers green, etc.) to identify with Ireland on St. Patrick's Day. But did you know...

...the historical color associated with St. Patrick was actually blue, not green? St. Patrick used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity which inspired many to wear them in their lapels on St. Patrick's Day. The green color of the shamrock became associated with the holiday and the tradition of wearing green was politically applied during the United Irish uprising when a new uniform color was introduced; you guessed it... green.

Next Board Meeting:
July 6, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Township Hall

BOARD MEMBERS

Shaun Killeen
President

Dan Beachnau
Vice President

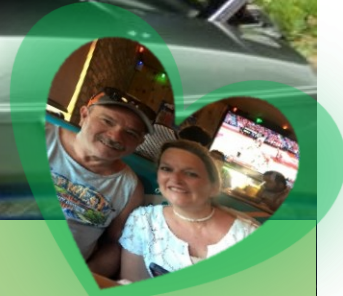
Mike Bassett
Treasurer

Nikki Szymkowski
Secretary

Saint Patrick's
Day falls on
Sunday, March
17th this year.

What fun
activities do
you have
planned?





Meet Mike Bassett.

If you don't already know, Mike Bassett is one of the newest association board members.

After much, much 🤔, much begging and groveling, Mike agreed to volunteer as treasurer, replacing Bob Richards. Thank you, Mike. You have some big shoes to fill, but we know you're up to the challenge.

Our new keeper of the purse, Mike enjoys spending time with the keeper of *his* purse (lol) Kelly. When they are not enjoying life at the lake, Mike and Kelly like to snowmobile (if there's snow that is), take long motorcycle rides, go camping with friends and family, and enjoy other adventurous activities. If you see them relaxing on their beach as you're cruising by their lake house (adjacent to the main launch), give them a wave or better yet stop and introduce yourself.



Spring officially arrives on Monday, March 20th this year which means summer will be here before we know it. When we think of summer on Hogback Lake, no doubt the Independence Day celebration comes to mind. It's such a wonderful day of celebrating with our neighbors; but wouldn't it be great if we extended that same sense of community throughout the year?

Most of us leave the lake during the months of November thru April, but we continue our community connection using such media as the Hogback Lake Facebook page or the Hogback Lake website (www.hogbacklake.org). However, in addition to sharing our virtual experiences during the off season, I propose we enjoy some real-time, in your face kind of personal kinship *before* we close our beaches and lock our doors for the year.

What type of activities you may ask? Some of my thoughts are: Cinco de Mayo fun; summer evening Progressive Pit Stops (firepit that is); and fall follies before closing up for the season. These are just some ideas; the sky is the limit. The activities could all be brown bag and/or BYOB events with very little planning and potentially no additional costs.

What do you think? Wouldn't it be great to enhance our experience on Hogback Lake? just neighbors enjoying some time together.

**Independence Day on the lake:
Fri. 7/5 and Sat. 7/6**

Check out the updated
association webpage at:

www.hogbacklake.org

Why not start your day with an Irish twist to a classic breakfast (Sorry kiddos, this one is for adults only).

BAILEY'S FRENCH TOAST

Whipped Topping:

- ½ oz Baileys Original Irish Cream
- 4 oz whipping cream
- 2 TBS powdered sugar

French Toast:

- 2 ½ oz Baileys Original Irish Cream
- 2 ½ oz whipping cream
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 2 thick slices of sourdough bread
- 1 TBS butter

Instructions

Whipped Topping:

Whisk with a mixer ½ oz Bailey's, 4 oz whipping cream and powdered sugar in a bowl on high speed until soft peaks form. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

Toast:

Whisk together 2 ½ oz of Bailey's with 2 ½ oz whipping cream, vanilla extract and eggs in a shallow dish.

Melt butter in a frying pan at med-low heat.

Dip each side of the bread in the egg mixture until soaked.

Fry the bread on med-high heat for 2-3 minutes until golden brown.

Top with dollops of whipped topping and enjoy!

(Allrecipes.com.)

Forget the
bacon, eat
the toast!



**National pig day falls on
Friday, March 1st, 2024**

A look back at 2023



Birthday Celebrations...



Lyrical Masters



*Independence
Day*



Fall Follies



*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!*



*And who can forget Cousin Eddie:
"This one here is leaking...."*



Beautiful Nature