



# THE BROWER *News*



- 9:00 am ..... Fun Run & Walk
- 6:00 pm ..... No wake
- 6:45 pm ..... Meet in cove for Boat Parade
- 7:00 pm ..... Boat Parade  
Theme: MARVEL
- 10:00 pm ..... Light your flares!
- 10:15 pm ..... Fireworks

## Need Flares?

Flares will be available for purchase through your board member (see back page for your board representative) or you may purchase your flares at the Fun Run. They sell for \$3.00 each and lighting will begin at 10:00 on July 4th.



Eleventh Annual Big Brower Lake



The annual Big Brower Lake Fun Run/Walk will be held on July 4 at 9:00 a.m. All participants should gather at the association lot between 8:30-8:45 a.m. This fun event is a great way for family, friends and neighbors to start their Independence Day festivities. This is a "fun" run with no prizes, but we'll pat you on the back when you cross the finish line!

Proceeds go to BBLIA to help offset the expensive cost of our annual fireworks display. A small monetary donation will be sent to the North Kent Service Center.

If anyone would like to donate fruit, granola bars, cookies or other treats for all to enjoy after the run, please bring them to the event. We will have a table set up, and we'll provide coolers of bottled water.

## The Fourth of July Boat Parade

The boat parade theme this year will be **MARVEL**. Marvel at the many opportunities you can captain your boat with this America theme. Past winners avenge your title! Last year's winner, Guard your Galaxy! Or maybe a new winner will sprout up! Don't be green with envy! Thor your hammer in to take a chance to win an opportunity to see the new Spiderman movie.

**Six movie passes will be given to winner!**

Please meet in the cove at 6:45 pm. Please no paddle boats this year only pontoons and speed boats. The **cash prizes will be \$35, \$30, and \$25** and a prize to the most "spirited home."



So  
don't  
miss  
the  
fun!

YARD CLEAN UP DAY  
WAS A SUCCESS!



*Our faithful volunteers*



*Our president*

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS  
THAT ASSISTED!

Shawn Mahoney, Russ Marks,  
Shawn Marks, Brett Nelson, Mike  
Wilson, Maeve McInerney, Jeff  
Case, Frank Walejewski, Renee  
Lobert and Ingrid Jensen.

# Water Quality Report



## Big Brower Lake has new residents!

### Jacot family moved to 8348 Je Ne Be.

Kevin is an architect for Progressive AE and has been living in GR for five years. His wife, Keilah now works in the cardiothoracic ICU at Spectrum.

She and their 13 year old son, Jeton, commuted when possible between their east side home in Michigan's thumb area and Grand Rapids, whenever schedules permitted until about a year ago, when they moved into the area.

Jeton is finishing his seventh grade year in school. They have been looking for the right house for a year, and happily found this one on Brower Lake.

**George McNew** purchased the Pulley's house, **8888 Brower Lake** in the cove. He lives there with his gentle yellow lab named Butter. He owns Montell Construction Company with his two brothers; specializing in exterior improvements such as roofing, siding, windows, etc. He moved here from Green Lake to be closer to his hunting property up north.

## Welcome to the lake!

Ingrid and I joined Jason Brookstra of Professional Lake Management (PLM) on a weed survey last month. I pointed out the Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed that was of concern late last season in the cove area. We also spotted the early signs of Algae growth. We did not find signs of Cabomba, however, it is still a bit early in the season. One of our fellow lake residents who spotted it last year thought it was recently sighted again in the cove but none of us have been able to locate it again for treatment. We intend to continue to look as it is one of the more serious invasive species. Overall, we have a healthy level of indigenous weed growth. This is necessary to create a good habitat to support a strong fish population and balanced ecosystem.

A significant treatment was done 5/15 to attack the three found (two invasive + Algae) so we can knock them out before the summer growing season begins in full. This should cut our costs for maintenance treatments later this season. We may need to have PLM come back shortly to retreat for Algae as several of us are reporting some new blooms developing. This is the least expensive to treat which is good as weather conditions can quickly stimulate its growth.

PLM also did the usual spring water quality sampling. They are still waiting for the results from the lab. We will post them on the website as soon as they are available. The water clarity is at its usual good level this spring and we don't expect any surprises.

Feel free to let any of us on the township lake board (water quality monitors) know if you spot suspicious or problematic weed growth. If you're not sure what to look for, there is information posted on our website as to what are good weeds and what are invasive.

Happy Summer!

Frank Walejewski

## 2017 Weed Treatment Schedule

Week of:	Type of Treatment:		
6-12	Weed & Algae Opt, E.Coli	8-7	Weed & Algae Opt.
7-10	Weed & Algae Opt., Harvest	8-28	Fall AVAS, WQ

DEQ permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2017 season.

## 2017 Summer Calendar of Events



July 1	Lake Combination Change	
July 4	Fun Run and Fireworks - see cover for times.	
August 16	Annual Meeting	7 pm

Please see the website for any additional dates and changes.

### Quiet Hours

#### Tuesday & Thursdays

Mornings: 5 am to 9 am  
Evenings: 5 pm to midnight

“Quiet hours” means motorized craft must operate at no-wake speed.

## *You are invited to the* Annual Meeting at the Association Pavilion

**Tuesday, August 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

Please come to learn about the activities the board has planned, what has happened during the year, and to elect the next year's board members. If you, or someone you know, is willing to serve on the board, please let your board member know. Even if you can't make it to Tuesday night's meeting, the board will include your name on the list to be voted on. This is your opportunity to help out your community.

If you would like to help the board members, but feel you can't commit to being a board member at this time, please contact a board member and let them know your willingness to help.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## News from around the lake

### Dock Sections

On the west side of the cove, in front of the Clouse's cottage, are dock sections that have been there for months. A couple emails have been sent out to locate the owner but no one has picked up their items. So if anyone is in need of a dock, please help the Clouses out by taking these off their hands.

### Paving Je Ne Be

Courtland Township will be paving Je Ne Be and Ne St. on June 19th. The completion date is July 1. Open to local traffic. Please understand these are target dates and weather from now until then could change our start dates by days or weeks.

### BBLIA NEW Apparel eStore coming soon!

Anyone wishing to order Big Brower Lake apparel and accessories will be able to order items in quantities of just one (or more if desired).

How does the Apparel eStore work?

When the eStore is ready, you will find the link to the JIT eStore site on the BBLIA website, [bigbrowerlake.com](http://bigbrowerlake.com). You will be able to place orders for the logo'd apparel and other items any time you would like.

Ordering is easy using a standard online ordering process, including selecting an item, quantity, size and color. Orders are paid for using the user's credit card and shipped directly to the user. Items included on the site are apparel, caps, bags, and more.

## New to the lake?

Please contact Barb Durham, our welcome hostess, at 616-322-1520 or babjarmstrong1@gmail.com

## Pontoon Trailer Rental

If you need to use the association's pontoon trailer, please schedule a time with Mike Riley at 874-7881. If Mike is not available, contact Jeff Case at 540-6855. The rates for the pontoon trailer rental are tiered. For those who rent the pontoon trailer to use around the lake, the rate is \$35.00. Any rental requiring travel to another area the rate will be \$50.00. Please have payment ready when you pick up the trailer for use.



The lake residents have been divided up into eight sections and a board member has been assigned to the following sections.

Jeff Case	8348-8481 Je-Ne-Be Dr.
Jackie Dangl	8585-8720 Brower Lake Dr.
Ingrid Jensen	8659-8851 Je-Ne-Be Dr. 8405-8470 Oakview 8601 Young Ave. 7510 & 7661 10 Mile Road
Renee Lobert	8843-8955 Je-Ne-Be Dr. 8820 Ne St.
Shawn Marks	8735-8888 Brower Lake Dr.
Lorraine Nykun	8493-8651 Je-Ne-Be Dr.
Peder Nelson	8450-8582 Brower Lake Dr.
Mike Riley	8402-8436 Brower Lake Dr. 8315-8344 Je-Ne-Be Dr. 8446 & 8453 Brower Ave.



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# BIG BROWER LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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