



# THE BROWER *News*

# Happy 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY

- 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: Rock 'n Roll
- 10:00 pm ..... Light your flares!
- At dark ..... 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 or on June 30 from 9 -10am at Satterlee's garage (8843 Je-Ne-Be Drive).

They sell for \$3.00 each and lighting will begin at 10:00 on July 4th.

Twelfth 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 **Rock 'n Roll**.

Be queen for the day and ride in the boat parade! Work out the kinks with your boat decorations and rush to finish so you won't be in dire straights if you are late.

Kiss your families goodbye and journey to meet in the cove at 6:45 pm. Please only motorized boats this year. The **cash prizes will be \$35, \$30, and \$25.**

U2 can win these great prizes.

It would be Nirvana if everyone would participate!



So  
don't  
miss  
the  
fun!

# Water Quality Report



## Greetings!

Summer is finally here! We now get to see all kinds of budding of trees and other plants as they wake from their winter's nap. In our lake, the same thing happens too!

The water quality monitors on our township lake board are keeping an eye on it with the help of Professional Lake Management.

I haven't yet received the spring water test results yet but they will be posted on our website when they are complete.

The water clarity is extra good this spring. We still have one of the cleanest/clearest lakes in Kent County.

The spring survey showed that weed growth was behind 2-3 weeks due to the late arrival of spring. As a result, we held off on the first treatment until a few days before the holiday (Memorial Day) weekend to make sure we could enjoy our lake to the fullest.

The algae was knocked down and PLM will do another spot treatment soon to keep it in check.

It also looks like the pollen that collects on the water surface is starting to dissipate. (We sometimes mistake it for algae.)

Eurasian milfoil shoots are showing up so PLM is going to try to hunt down the plants they are being torn from to eradicate. This is one of the invasive species we have to keep in check as best as possible. Total elimination is virtually impossible.

Nothing else has shown up as a concern so we are in good shape overall.

Enjoy the summer & safe boating!

*Frank Walejewski*



## THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS THAT ASSISTED IN YARD CLEAN UP DAY!

Michael Wilson, Maeve McInerney, Russ and Shawn Marks, Jackie Dangi, Jeff Case, Lorraine Nykun, Renee Lobert and Ingrid Jensen.



## 2018 Weed Treatment Schedule

### Week of:

### Type of Treatment:

6-11

Weed & Algae Opt

8-6

Weed & Algae Opt.

7-9

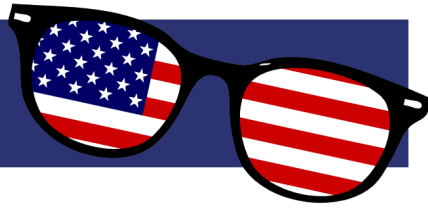
Weed & Algae Opt., E.Coli

8-27

Fall AVAS, WQ

DEQ permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2018 season.

## 2018 Summer Calendar of Events



July 1	Lake Combination Change
July 4	Fun Run and Fireworks - see cover for times.
August 21	Annual Meeting 6:30 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 21, 2018 at 6:30 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

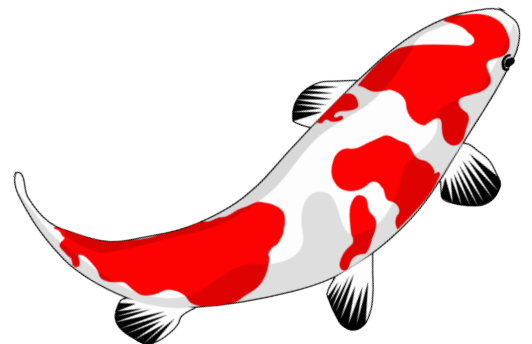
### Beware of the Snappers!

Snapping turtles have been spotted in the cove. Please stay clear of them. If given a choice between fight and flight, snapping turtles almost always distance themselves from humans. The animals spend the bulk of their lives underwater, steering clear of humans. However, problems can arise on dry land, where the reptiles are especially vulnerable. Females go ashore during nesting season (late spring to early summer). Never pick a snapper up by the tail. It can reach back and bite you.

### Koi Contest

A Koi fish was released into Brower Lake which is not desirable. According to Wikipedia, *Koi, or the common carp, which are invasive, greatly increase the turbidity of the water because they are constantly stirring up the substrate. This makes waterways unattractive, reduces the abundance of aquatic plants, and can render the water unsuitable for swimming or drinking. In some countries, koi have caused so much damage to waterways that vast amounts of money and effort have been spent trying to eradicate them, largely unsuccessfully.*

So we would like to get rid of the Koi fish before it begins to cause problems. We are offering \$50.00 to the lake resident that eradicates the Koi from the lake. Please contact your board member with your proof if you are successful and claim your prize!



## Gate Combination

Since the gate combination changes on the first of every month, it will no longer be included in the newsletter. Watch for the email updates for the new gate combination or under the member's login on the website.

## Pontoon Trailer Rental

If you need to use the association's pontoon trailer, please schedule a time with Ingrid Jensen at 915-2273. 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 is 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.
Michael Wilson	8402-8436 Brower Lake Dr. 8315-8344 Je-Ne-Be Dr. 8446 & 8453 Brower Ave.



### Need an inexpensive idea for your guest?

Contact your board member to get yours today! They are only \$10.00 or 2 for \$15.00 and you will be helping out your association.



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Bill Dykstra 874-1234

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