



THE BROWER *News*

BBLIA Fall Harvest Pig Roast 2019



Update from Beautification Committee NOW known as the BBL Community Crew (The Crew)

Hello everyone. I wanted to provide a brief update. I agreed to chair this committee in 2015. The focus of it was to improve the Association Lot for BBL residents and provide a more comfortable community space for all to enjoy. Since 2015, we've done just that. The pavilion itself and its surrounding landscape sports a new roof, paint, plywood, retaining walls, and numerous hostas. We have a playground, removal of diseased trees so not to infect the entire lot and removal of invasive scrub trees. We've seen the addition of rows of lilacs, day lilies, and an expansion and attendance to our lot garden. Presently, thanks to Jackie Dangi and Wendy Mersman, our BBL sign will have a face lift. All this being said, much of the "beautification" has been completed (although maintenance is still required) through many hands and volunteers. Our group's focus has now shifted to not just providing lot improvement/maintenance but to brainstorming ideas of more community activities, hence the reason for the above noted name change. Much to our delight over 100 BBL residents and their families attended our 2019 Pig Roast. I'd like to share with you the names of your neighbors that were instrumental in its success: Trish Cutler, Jackie Dangi, Sue Farrar, Kendra Havemeier, Ingrid Jensen, Shawn Marks, Wendy Mersman, Michelle Richardson, and Val Rusco. Since then we've had several more residents express an interest in joining The Crew. I invite any and all to join this great group. You will find fellowship, inclusiveness and stewardship for our lake. The Crew discussed plans for another Pig Roast this fall, however, this was discussed pre-pandemic times and put on hold. With time and hopefully a vaccine in the not too distant horizon we will be able to enjoy community activities again. Please call or send any ideas you may have for future community activities or improvements to any of us. Our phone numbers and emails are in the directory.

Fondly,

Renee Lobert, chair of The Crew



Big Brower Lake Cheers



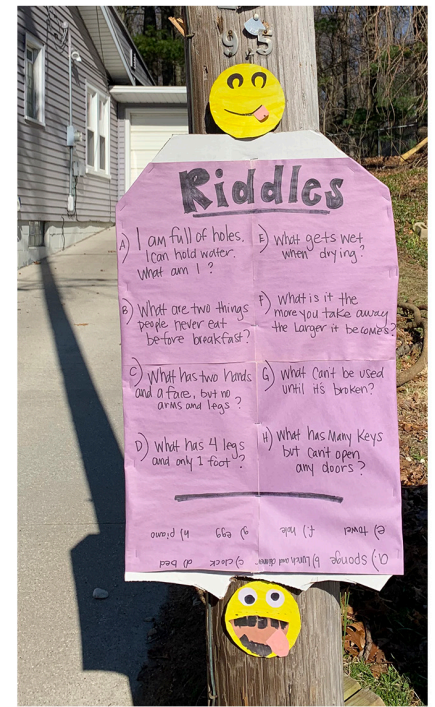
Community

events around
Big Brower Lake

We understand and feel the impact that COVID-19 is having on our community and our thoughts are with the families directly impacted by the loss of loved ones and those who stand on the front lines taking care of us and our loved ones.

Through this time, it is more important than ever to come together (but no closer than six feet) as a community and show our support, thoughts, and concern for each other.

The Big Brower Lake residents did that by our Big Brower Lake Cheers and the Neighborhood Window Walk. Thanks to those who participated and please enjoy some photos of these fun events.



Neighborhood Window Walk



Please Consider Contributing to the Big Brower Lake Fireworks Display

The BBLIA board has decided to continue on with the fireworks this year. The cost continues to increase and this is our Association's largest expense. To continue with the high quality of the fireworks show, we will likely need to increase dues again, unless we are able to defray the cost with individual contributions. You may make your contribution online at the [BBL website](#) by selecting "Fireworks" under the MAKE A CONTRIBUTION section. You may also pay by check. Checks should be made payable to BBLIA.

Any amount you can contribute to this is appreciated!

Idea for the 4th of July Boat Parade Theme?

Along with the Fireworks, we will also continuing on with the Fun Run and Boat Parade. Please let us know your ideas for a theme! You can email any Board member or make your suggestion on the [BBL website submission form](#). We need suggestions no later than June 1, 2020, so put your thinking caps on!

For the Fun Run, we will be sending out information closer to the event. If social distancing is still requested, we will be implementing safety protocols to assure a safe and healthy fun run for the participants.



Quiet Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays

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

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

2020 Spring & Summer Calendar of Events

JUNE

Lake Area Garage Sales

We are no longer promoting this event.

Spring Clean Up

Due to COVID-19, the spring clean up that the board members and additional volunteers do in the Spring will not be happening this year. Please check the [website of Courland Township](#) for details on dropping off household waste.

JULY 4

Fun Run & Fireworks

See summer newsletter
for the event details.

AUGUST 18

BBLIA Annual Meeting

6:30pm - Association Lot

OCTOBER 11 - TBD

BBLIA Harvest Festival & Pig Roast

2:00pm - Association Lot

See fall newsletter for event details.

Please see the website for the up-to-date information on lake activities. If you are a member and want to receive the latest news and are not receiving emails from the association, please send your email to wendy@bigbrowerlake.com.

Classifieds

Slalom waterski - HO Extreme VTR - 68.5". Adjustable large boot. Extreme Tournament fin. Excellent condition. \$250
Slalom waterski - HO Extreme Mach 1 - 64". Adjustable small boot. Competition fin. Excellent condition. \$250
For photos or info call Barb at 874-7562.

Welcome to the Lake!

Mike and Lisa Day 8369 JeNeBe

Mike wrote, "As for us, my wife Lisa and I are life-long sweethearts. We have known each other since we were in the 5th grade and married more than 27 years ago. We have 2 adult children who live in Indiana. I worked for Menards running stores for 25 years... including opening the store in Comstock Park back in 1994. So this is our second stint into West MI. I transitioned to Meijer a few years ago and ran stores until coming to the Corporate Office in September which is why we landed here again. We sold our home and lake home in Indiana so I promised Lisa we would move to a lake in MI.

We (I) enjoy remodeling and home improvement, which is why the continuous work around our home. Thank you to everyone for putting up with the visuals for a bit. We hope to have the home fully the way we want it by the end of 2020; although the challenges of current day has seemed to slow progress."

Ryan and Tiffany Roy 8344 JeNeBe

The Roys are originally from Frankenmuth and are expecting their first child in August. Tiffany is a geologist for an engineering firm in Grand Rapids and Ryan is an insurance agent for Farm Bureau Insurance-Ryan Roy Agency in Rockford.

New to the Lake?

If you are new to the lake and we have not welcomed you yet, please let us know!



But seriously ...

the board has received a lot of complaints that walkers are not picking up after their dogs and even worse, leaving the bag. We assume that you set it down hoping to get on your way around but forgot. Please be responsible pet owners!

Keyholders

Please make an appointment with a keyholder in advance for your boat removal.

Following is the list of **keyholders**:



Greater availability during the week days, in addition to after work hours and on weekends:

Diana and Jim Lucchese	616-874-3127 616-808-1361 (cell)
Jerry Peterson	616-874-6807
Mike Riley	616-874-7881
Don Shields	616-262-3423
Scott Wingler	616-874-8885
Shawn Marks	989-430-0715
Russ Marks	989-600-1512

Less availability during week day hours but greater availability after work hours and weekends:

Doug Baumann	616-874-6809
Jeff Case	616-540-6855
Steve Cilek	616-340-2479
Jackie Dangl	616-299-1745
Mike Havemeier	616-980-6880
Kerri Herweyer	616-901-8122
Kevin Jacot	989-737-1362
Ingrid Jensen	616-915-2273
Tom Kooiker	616-951-7054
Lorraine Nykun	616-822-8596
Mike Wilson	248-561-9933
Dan and Melanie Yff	616-874-6407

The following **marinas/companies** have a key to the gate. If you store your boat with one of them or the company removes and/or puts your boat in, please make arrangements directly with your company for removal or put-in.

Murray Lake Marina 616-897-4116 Rhynard's Pontoons 616-754-7634 Waterland Marine 616-754-7634

Attention Big Brower Lake Anglers

It is that time again!



Cole Johnson shows off his great catch!

With concern for the safety of our board members and you as residents, this year we ask if you would pay your dues either online or by check. The board members will not be coming around to collect the dues.

The BBLIA is counting on your dues once again for our spectacular fireworks, association maintenance and so much more. The annual dues are \$60.00 if paid by 7/15/20 and \$75.00 if paid after that date. We will be changing the password after the 15th so you will no longer have access to the website and will be removed from the email list. Please don't miss the deadline, we do not want you to miss any important news items!

It is easy to pay your dues online, just visit bigbrowerlake.com. The site uses Paypal which allows you to use many of the major credit cards for a secure online payment. We also have a contribution option so you may conveniently donate to any one of the projects that the BBLIA is working on or just select General and we will put your donation to good use. Thank you in advance for your donation!

Thanks to the generous donations of lake residents, we are planning on fish planting this fall. If you would still like to donate to the fish planting, please go to the [website's donate page](#) and select fish planting from the drop down menu.

If you have a suggestion on what type of fish you would like planted, please send your requests to Kevin Jacot at kevinjacot@yahoo.com.

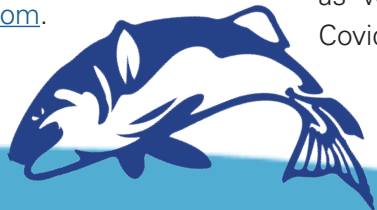
You may still pay your dues with a check addressed to the BBLIA Treasurer, Michael Wilson at 8570 Je-Ne-Be Drive, Rockford, MI 49341. Please make your check payable to Big Brower Lake Improvement Association (BBLIA).

Thank you so much for being a member!

Excerpt from the spring PLM letter

"I hope all of you and your families are safe, healthy and staying strong as we all navigate through these new uncharted waters together. Covid-19 has impacted all of our lives in countless ways..... "

... for the full letter, please visit the [Brower Lake website](#) under Water Quality.



2020 Weed Treatment Schedule

Week of:	Type of Treatment:
5-11	Weed & Algae Opt
6-8	Weed & Algae Opt
7-6	Weed & Algae, E.Coli Sampling
8-3	Weed & Algae Opt.
8-24	Fall AVAS, WQ
9/14	Weed Treatment

PLM treats each lake according to a schedule or season plan, established with the cooperation of your lake association, lake board or residents on the lake. The treatment schedule is approximate.

Please watch your shoreline for the posting of the 8.5x11 inch, yellow or green signs. The signs will indicate the date of the treatment, the products used, and any restrictions on the use of treated water for swimming, watering lawns.

DEQ permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2020 season.

Lake Directory

Looking for an address for a Big Brower Lake resident? Please see the website, bigbrowerlake.com, for an updated Lake Directory. If you have any changes or are a new lake resident, please email Wendy at wendy@bigbrowerlake.com to update your information.

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
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.
Kevin Jacot	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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Newsletter address:
8493 Je Ne Be NE
Rockford, MI 49341

Website address:
www.bigbrowerlake.com

BIG BROWER LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Volunteers

Neighborhood Watch

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Township Lake Board

Ingrid Jensen	915-2273
Frank Walejewski	460-4225

Township Sewer Board

Bill Dykstra	874-1234
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Water Quality Monitors

Ingrid Jensen	915-2273
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Welcome Hostess

Shawn Marks	989-430-0715
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