



# THE BROWER *News*



## Seeking Volunteers for the Pontoon Assembly and Dismantle

If you are handy with power tools (and even if you are not!) please consider helping the board assemble and dismantle the pontoons for our fireworks display. It is a special treat that we can have the fireworks shot from the center of the lake for all to see but it requires additional work for the board and the pyrotechnic's crew. If you could help either July 2 for the assembly or Friday, July 5 for the dismantle, both starting at 10am, please come to the association lot.

*Your help is appreciated!*

- 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: **Dr. Seuss**
- 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.

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

## Thirteenth 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.



### Contributing to the Fireworks Display

We are so grateful to those of you who have contributed to the fireworks display. If you haven't yet, but still would like to contribute, you may make your contribution online at the [Big Brower Lake 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!

### Membership Dues are Due

Thank you to all who have paid your dues so far. If you have not, please go to the [Big Brower Lake website](#) to pay online. The annual dues are \$60.00 if paid by 7/31/19 and \$75.00 after that date. After 7/31/19, we will be changing the password to the website and updating the email mailing list.

### Free Wood at Association Lot & Please No Dumping

Because of the tree trimming and removal from Consumers, the association lot still has a lot of wood left. The Brower Lake residents are welcome to any of the wood in the lot.

We also ask that you do not dump any of your lawn debris in the lot. The beautification committee has worked very hard to clear it out and make it usable for association members.

### Want a Lilac Bush?

Board is passing on a deal to the association members. Get a 3 gal Bloomerang Purple Lilacs (Syringa hybrid 'Penda') for only \$28.00. Call your board member or Jackie Dangl, 616-299-1745 to purchase and arrange pick up.





And the winner is .....  
Dan Dixon!

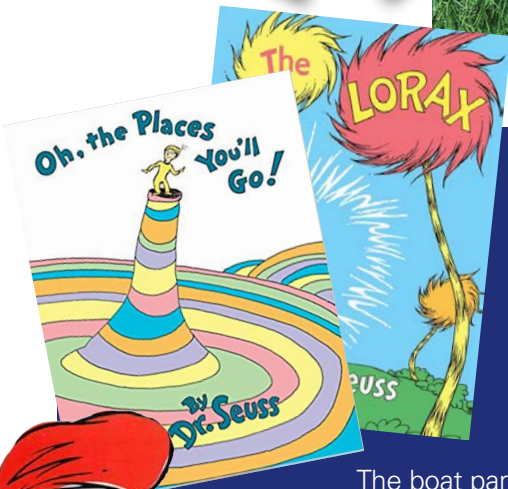
Good news....Dan Dixon successfully removed the Koi fish from the lake.

Bad news....there are two more spotted.

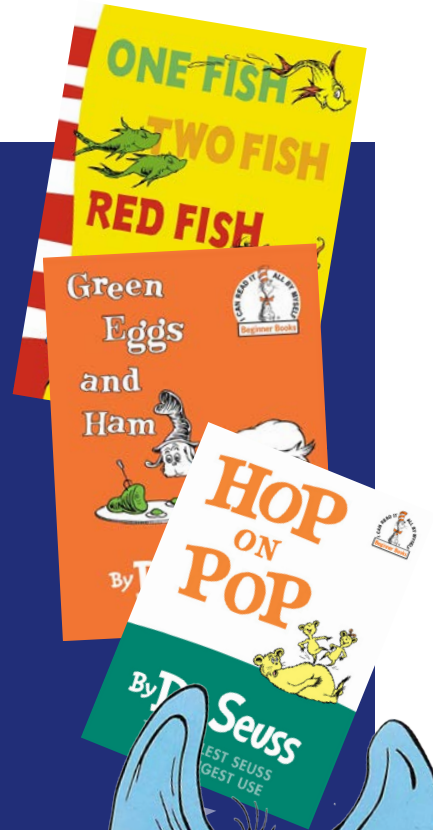
Good news....the prize is still available!

Dan will be receiving his \$50 prize money.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
DAN!**



# The Fourth of July Boat Parade



The boat parade theme this year will be **Dr. Seuss**. You're off to Great Places! Today is your day to ride in the boat parade! Don't be a grinch and say you don't like it, Try it! Try it! I say and you may. If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good.

Why fit in when you were born to stand out? Get your boat all decked out. You won't lag behind, because you'll have the speed since we ask that you use a boat that is motorized.

From there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere! Yertle the Turtle is waiting in the cove at 6:45 pm to give you your number so you can win a prize! The **cash prizes will be \$35, \$30, and \$25.**

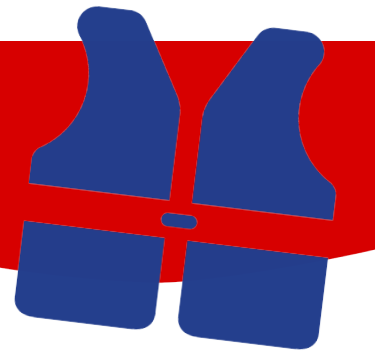
Oh the things you can find, if you don't stay behind!

**Don't cry because it's over,  
smile because it happened.**



# Boating Laws

Be legal,  
be safe



For those who were unable to attend our recent boater safety presentation, here are some important reminders to keep in mind as you enjoy this boating season.

## Age Requirements for operating a boat

- Those born ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1996 may operate a boat powered by a motor over 6hp ONLY if they have a Boater Safety Certificate on board.
- Those born BEFORE JULY 1, 1996 may operate a boat legally without restriction
- Those UNDER 12 may operate a boat powered by a motor of 6hp or less without restriction *or* operate a boat of more than 6hp up to 35 mph if they have a boater safety certificate on board *and* are accompanied by a person 16 years or older.

## Age Requirements for operating a Personal Water Craft (PWC)

- It is illegal for anyone UNDER AGE 14 to operate a PWC
- AGE 14-15 may operate a PWC if they have a boating safety certificate on board AND are accompanied by an adult 21 or older
- AGE 16-41 (born after 12/31/1978) *must* have a boating safety certificate on board to legally operate a PWC
- BORN AFTER 1978 may operate a PWC without restriction
- CHILD PASSENGERS on a PWC must sit *behind* the PWC operator

## MUST HAVES

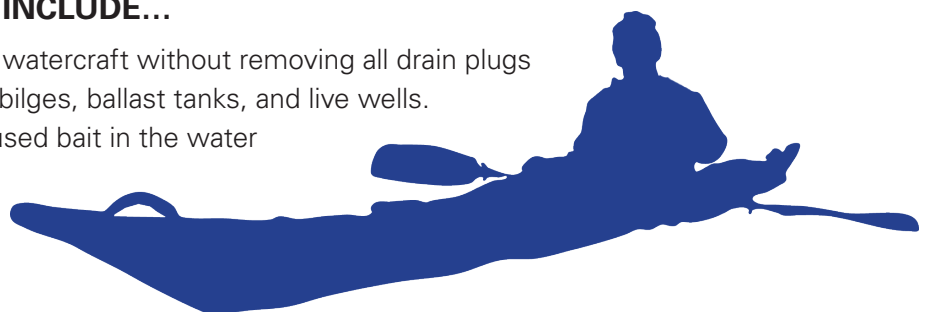
- All boats 16' or longer must have a life jacket for each person on the vessel AND a throwable, all readily available
- Children under 6 must wear a Type I or Type II life jacket when riding a boat
- Any person being towed must wear a life jacket
- Kayakers must have a life jacket or throwable readily available in their vessel

## UNLAWFUL OPERATION INCLUDES...

- Not maintaining proper distances when at greater than "no wake speed":
  - At least 100 ft. from shore; any anchored vessel, dock, or raft; or any swimmer
  - In addition to the above, a PWC at greater than "no wake speed" must be at least 150 ft. behind boats (does not include other PWCs), including the traversing across the wake of boats.
- It is unlawful to operate a vessel while under the influence of alcohol or for the owner to allow someone under the influence of alcohol to operate their vessel.

## NEW ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS INCLUDE...

- It is unlawful to transport a watercraft without removing all drain plugs and draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells.
- It is unlawful to release unused bait in the water





## Beautification Committee Update

What they accomplished in Phase 1:

- Securing the sides of the pavilion with plywood to improve safety
- Leveling out the landscape in front of the concrete slab to change grade of run off away from the pavilion
- Painting the pavilion
- Removing 2-3 of the invasive autumn olives
- Adding a playground, benches and appropriate signage
- Re-roofing the Pavilion
- Adding gutters and rain barrel
- Planting hostas along the sides of the pavilion
- Continued adding to, weeding and maintenance of the front flower bed
- Hiring Stout Landscape to help with fall and/or spring cleanup
- Hiring Addison Pulley to mow and weed whack the grass/weeds during the spring and summer
- Hiring David Inbody to remove two dead oaks in order to reduce risk of spreading oak wilt



And now the committee is already starting on Phase 2.

**Thank you to the committee for all their hard work  
and to those who contributed monetarily to the cause.**

If you would like to contribute to the Beautification committee, please visit the [website's contribution page](#).

## News from around the lake



*Our Volunteers*



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

Bill and Jackie Dangl, Jeff Case, Michael Wilson,  
Russ, Linnea and Shawn Marks, Kevin Jacot, Shawn Mahoney,  
Wendy Mersman, Renee Lobert and Ingrid Jensen.



## 2019 Weed Treatment Schedule

### Week of:

### Type of Treatment:

6-10

Weed & Algae Opt

8-5

Weed & Algae Opt.

7-8

Weed & Algae Opt., E.Coli

8-26

Fall AVAS, WQ

DEQ permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2019 season.

## 2019 Summer Calendar of Events



July 4 Fun Run and Fireworks  
(see cover for times)

August 20 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 20, 2019 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!

## Our New Neighbors

### Suzanne & Mark Harnen 8880 Brower Lake

Mark and Suzanne are from the suburbs of Chicago - Naperville. They have three kids: Drake 28, Brendon 25, and Kylie 23. They both enjoy good wine and dinners out. Suzanne enjoys yoga, hot yoga and both like working out. Suzanne quit her job of 18 years as a medical assistant/charter last week. Mark has his own business now for 4 years working in the sales business and wireless industry. His dream was to have a lake house some day ... (took a year of looking!) They are ready to meet new friends and enjoy the West Michigan lake life.

### Paula & Jon Aylsworth 8760 Brower Lake Dr

Jon is owner of Property Tax Consultants. Paula retired from Greenville public schools. Jon and Paula have two grown children and four grandchildren. Their hobbies include golf and travel.

## WELCOME TO THE LAKE!



### New to the Lake?

If you are new to the lake and we have not welcomed you yet, please let us know! We want the lake residents to have a chance to know a little bit about you.

## Lake Directory

Looking for an address for a Big Brower Lake resident? Please see the website, [bigbrowerlake.com](http://bigbrowerlake.com), for an updated Lake Directory. If you have any changes or are a new lake resident, please email [wendy@bigbrowerlake.com](mailto: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.



*Newsletter address:*  
8493 Je Ne Be NE  
Rockford, MI 49341

*Website address:*  
[bigbrowerlake.com](http://bigbrowerlake.com)

[facebook.com/bigbrowerlake](https://facebook.com/bigbrowerlake)

## BIG BROWER LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### Board of Directors

#### President:

Ingrid Jensen	915-2273	<a href="mailto:ijensen@clarkhill.com">ijensen@clarkhill.com</a>
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#### Vice President:

Renee Lobert	446-1010	<a href="mailto:lobertrenee@gmail.com">lobertrenee@gmail.com</a>
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#### Secretary

Jackie Dangl	299-1745	<a href="mailto:jcdangl@yahoo.com">jcdangl@yahoo.com</a>
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#### Treasurer

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#### Technical Officer

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#### Board Members

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#### Board Alternates

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### Volunteers

#### Neighborhood Watch

Wendy Mersman	940-4598
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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
Frank Walejewski	460-4225

#### Newsletter & Website

Wendy Mersman	940-4598
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