

A Little Slice of Heaven

February 2021



Elbow Lake Ch-Ch-Chatter

Photo by Lisa Poston

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

No Events. Activities?

Ice fishing, as you can see above. Snowmobiling. Sledding. Hockey. Brisk walks around the lake. Staying warm by the fire. Or just staying warm . . . period!

Lots of peace and quiet and ahhhhh!

There's nothing like an Elbow Lake winter.

(More activities: Wearing a mask. Learning how to Zoom. Remembering to "Smile" using your words because they can't see your smile behind that mask.)

***Watch for the May Newsletter, with
information about ELCOA happenings
scheduled for this summer.***

You Need to Know

Sheriff

989-539-7166

Oxygen

Charlie & Deb Smith

9895 Toohy Trail

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Karl & Mary Ann Wood

10385 N. Athey Ave.

989-539-1817

Oxygen and AED

Ruey & Stephanie Wood

10328 Toohy Trail

989-539-1580

Elbow Lake Chatter is the official voice of ELCOA. We invite you to send comments, ideas, or photos to:

elbowlakecoa@gmail.com

KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW

Please Vote for the 2021 Boat Parade Theme

Some suggestions are:

Under the Sea
Freighters of the Great Lakes
Animals
Pirates
Roaring 20's
Frontline Workers
Classic Cars

The theme will be decided in April so, in the meantime, we'd appreciate hearing from you. Please vote for one of the above by commenting on Facebook —Elbow Lake community page — or by email at elbowlakecoa@gmail.com

The date for the Parade and Fireworks is July 3rd, 2021.

Dates for 2021

Board Meetings: April 25,
May 30, July 4th, August 8,
September 5, October 10

Annual Meeting: August 7

Hayride: October 9

Community News

Welcome to **Jason and Kelsey Miller** who bought a cottage on N. Athey late summer. They reside in Tecumseh with their two sons, Maverick and Madden.

We are happy to welcome **Duane and Karen Schunk** who have purchased the Nadolsky cottage on Toohy Trail. When not at Elbow Lake, they are at home in Marysville. **Jeremy and Sarah Chorba**, and their two sons, have sold their home on the east end of Elbow Lake and moved from the area. We'll introduce you to the new owner when we get more information.

Andrea Larsen is spending the winter in Florida where she is dealing with some health issues. Also, her aunt passed away recently. So sorry for your loss, Andrea.

Karl Wood underwent heart valve surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery and good health.

Stephanie Wood is coping with crippling back pain. We hope that healing and relief are in store for you soon.

New Construction on West End of Lake has been halted!

In early November, beavers at the west end of the lake caused a lot of concern to the property owner. The beavers' elaborate damming project was starting to undermine the resident's dock. Efforts to remove their construction resulted in it being rebuilt overnight. Very frustrating!

A trapper was called in who trapped 3 beavers. Hopefully, the situation has been resolved.

New Satellite Internet Service being tried at Elbow Lake

Some of us use Hughesnet or Vi-sat for internet service but another we just learned about is Starlink.

Several residents have ordered it and as we learn more about it and how satisfied they are with the new service, we will share their results with you.

Go to starlink.com for information on this option.

Some Ice Safety Tips from Michigan DNR

The strongest ice is clear with a blue tinge. Weak ice appears milky, and is caused by melted and refrozen snow. Ice that is covered by snow should always be considered unsafe because snow acts like an insulating blanket and slows the freezing process. A recent snowfall can melt existing ice.

Ice with slush on top is only half as strong as clear ice and indicates the ice is not freezing from the bottom. Ice weakens with age.

PLEASE, BE SAFE OUT THERE!

elbowlakeinfo.wordpress.com

If anything new or interesting comes along, we try to get it on our website ASAP. You can share information for the website to:

elbowlakecoa@gmail.com.

You can also access old newsletters from there.

We try to keep it updated and relevant. (Since the site doesn't cost ELCOA anything, we have to put up with some advertising on it.)



Ice is never 100% safe!

ACTIVITIES



Best Costume winners were: Lily Wilson, Hayleigh Spurgeon, Sophie and Luke High, Sally Rouse, and the young man in the Clorox Wipes costume.

The Fall Hayride

Having Fun in the Time of COVID-19



ACTIVITIES

With most of us wearing masks and staying at least 6 feet apart, we especially enjoying seeing old friends and new ones. It was so nice to be outside and visiting with each other after months of quarantining. There were costume contests for young and old, trunk-or-treating for the little ones, a 50/50 raffle and the highlight of the event — the hayride to enjoy.

Thank you, Lisa Wick, for volunteering to run the contests.



Voted Best Trunk or Treat was Alishia Spurgeon.



"Halloween Fright" on N. Athey Ave. Just one example of the great Halloween decorations seen on the Hayride.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION for 2020-2021

ELCOA Board Officers:

President

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ELCOA Project Coordinators:

Area Cleanup

Community News/Facebook Administrator/Annual Picnic

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Fish Planting

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Hayride

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Lake Weeds Treatment

Neighborhood Watch

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Water Testing

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Your Dues at Work

What do you get for \$40 a Year?

Oxygen Tanks, an AED, ELCOA Signs, Fish Stocking,
Picnic, Hayride, Raffles, Bulletin Boards,
Access Lighting, Picnic Tables & Grill,
Neighborhood Watch, Water Safety Rules,
Flares, Prizes for Events, Boat Parade,
Sand for the Beach, Grass Cutting and Snow Plowing
at Boat Launch and Beach, New Dock, Swim Area Buoys/
Roping, Slide and Swing for Kids, Fencing, Website,
Facebook, Newsletter
and a sense of Community

*Join us and let us know how we can work
together to make ELCOA work better for
you and your neighbors!*

The Newsletter and Membership Packet for 2021-22 will be sent to all residents by early May. You must join on or before the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 7, in order to be able to vote. At the Annual Meeting, we hold an election of officers for the board, discuss activities at the lake and usually have a Sheriff's deputy to answer any marine or OVR questions you may have. We hope to be able to host our pig roast picnic and games that day but it will depend on the COVID situation.

We hope you'll consider joining or rejoining our organization, and, we hope to see you there!