



It's magical when flares light up the shoreline of Elbow Lake — waiting for the fireworks show to begin!

Join us Saturday, July 3rd, at dusk when residents light up the sky with fireworks. The “show” should begin around 10pm. *Don't light those flares until the “flare boat” passes by just before the show.*

Flares will be sold at the Boat Launch that morning from 10am to 2pm. They're 2 for \$5 which covers our costs (not a fundraiser).

**You can pre-order flares by emailing
elbowlakecoa@gmail.com**

The Fireworks display is courtesy of our residents, not ELCOA, and they would welcome donations.

You Need to Know

Sheriff

989-539-7166

Oxygen

Karl & Mary Ann Wood
10385 N. Athey Ave.
989-539-1817

Oxygen and AED

Charlie & Deb Smith
9895 Toohy Trail
989-560-5811 or 989-424-8633

Elbow Lake Chatter is the official voice of ELCOA.

We invite you to send comments, ideas, or photos to:
elbowlakecoa@gmail.com

ELCOA's official Facebook page is:
Elbow Lake community page

ELCOA webpage:
[elbowlakeinfo.wordpress.com](http://www.elbowlakeinfo.wordpress.com)

COMMUNITY NEWS

2021-22 Membership Dues are \$40

If you send your dues in by July 15, 2021, you will qualify for the \$100 prize in the Early Bird Drawing! It will be drawn at the Annual Meeting/Picnic in August. There will be no raffle tickets to buy or sell this year, but we will still have lots of "50/50" drawings.

If COVID restrictions allow, we plan to have the annual picnic with some safety measures added. In addition, we are planning on a bounce house for the little kids, a dunk tank, a corn-hole tournament and other games. Start putting your Cornhole Team together!

Get your vaccines so we all can all relax and have a safe, fun summer!

Holiday Boating Hours

Elbow Lake is "All Sports" between 11 am and 6 pm on holiday week-ends (only to 5 pm at other times).

Please stay at least 100 feet away from the shore, docks, rafts, boats either anchored or not under power for safety. And remember to travel counter-clockwise on the lake.

Volunteer Needed to Cut Lawn in August

The Swim Site and Boat Launch will need grass cutting, possibly twice during the month of August.

Contact Tammie Fedor if you can volunteer: 989-539-2739 or tamm799@yahoo.com

Lake Weeds Treatment Schedule

Please stay off the lake for 24 hours after treatment. That means no swimming or boating. It allows for the chemicals to settle around the undesirable weeds to most effectively treat them. Because of weather conditions, dates could vary to the day before or after what is listed:

June 30

July 14

August 18

September 8

September 15



Your tax dollars pay for this. Additional treatments, such as for lily pads, are \$100 per 60

ft. of lake frontage and must be paid and arranged for in advance.

Contact Woody at 989-539-1580 for questions.

Remember: only cleaned watercraft and trailers should be used to prevent introduction of invasive species and algae from dirty lakes.

Send an Email to:

ElbowLakeCOA@gmail.com to Pre-Order or Pre-Register for:

Flares, 2 for \$5: July 3rd

Boat Parade, FREE!: July 3rd

Corn Hole Tournament, Sr. \$10/team, Jr. \$5/team: August 7

ELCOA's Annual Boat Parade is July 3rd

The theme is ANIMALS and they will be crawling, swimming, flying all over the lake! (Just be sure to add something Patriotic!)

Anything that floats can be registered at the Flare Sale in the morning or at the Neighbors/Tenorio cottage or dock at 9952 South Shore Dr. and you'll get a number to display on your float so the judges can identify you and vote. Judges are at four locations—including the east and west ends of the lake, so be sure to travel around the ENTIRE lake and not cut any corners off. A minimum of two complete laps around will show you off to everyone.

Four cash prizes will be given, based on: adherence to the theme, construction details, and overall impression. 5 judges are needed so please volunteer if you're not entering. The parade begins at 7pm.

Contact Susan Neighbors if you have questions or to volunteer to be a judge:

elbowlakecoa@gmail.com.

Join the fun . . . decorate your boat or volunteer to judge!

Dates to Remember:

July 3, 10-2pm: Flare Sale at Boat Launch

July 3, 7pm: Boat Parade
Pre-registration required

July 4, 10am: Board Meeting

August 7: Annual Meeting and Picnic

August 8, 10am: Board Meeting

September 5, 10am:

Board Meeting

October 9: Hayride

October 10, 10am: Board Meeting

ACTIVITIES

Please join us for the
**ELCOA Annual Meeting
and Pig Roast/Potluck**

Saturday, August 7th

Meeting begins at 10am

at the Boat Launch

At this meeting, there will be an election of officers and board members. You can be eligible for the board with your paid membership in the association. Please consider running for office. You just need to make a commitment to attend meetings and offer up your input.

Pig Roast/Potluck

at 12 noon at the Boat Launch

ELCOA will again provide roast/pulled pork from Ebels, pop and water. A dish to pass — large enough to share — is your ticket into the picnic.

Bring your own table service and BYOB.

**Corn Hole Tournament - Bounce House - Rock Painting
- Duck Pond & Racing - Balloon Pop - Photo Booth -
Dunk Tank - 50/50 Raffles (6 tickets for \$5)**

Pre-register for the Corn Hole Tournament: 2-man teams. Entry fee \$10 per team, Senior division: ages 16 and up, and Junior: ages 5-15, \$5/team.

Cash prizes based on number of participants.

To be eligible to win \$100 in the Early Bird Drawing, your membership dues for 2021-22 must be received by July 15, 2021.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday April 25, 2021

Location: Smith's garage

Present: John Krieger, Marty Neighbors, Deb and Charlie Smith, Mary Ann Wood, Susan Neighbors, Tammie Fedor, and Lisa Wick.

Absent: Mike and Kathy DeSloover, Fred and Mary VanDerKerkhove, Ken and Janet VanRiper, Phil Serra, Stephanie Wood and Donna Militello.

Guests: Joe Krieger, Erie High, Fred Stutzman, and Mark Scott.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President John Krieger as a quorum was established.

Minutes: The October 11, 2020 minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood. Corrections included eliminating the "and" between Hadleigh and Spurgeon (this is the same person not two). Also Erie High said there "should" be vegetation across the lake not necessarily (there is). The tree estimates should read "all trees". Not just one on the beach. Deb Smith made a motion to accept and seconded by Tammie Fedor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was read by Marty Neighbors in Mike DeSloover's absence. The balance as of April 25, 2021 is \$2899.28. See report for details. There were questions about the charge from the township. It was for the lights at boat launch. Discussions revolved around whether we should invest in LED lights. The question was if there was a "Need", it would take years to recoup the money. President John will talk to Mike about it. Deb Smith made a motion to accept thereport and was seconded by Tammie Fedor. Motion carried.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: There was nothing to report.

Community News: The group reported there was a bear in front of Charlie Smith's house, and the garage across from Tanya Csutoras, as well as, Lisa Wick. Tammie Fedor reported the need for a burn permit and the phone number should be posted on the FB community site. It was suggested to use the "DNR" website where you can click on the county, then the township to see where burn permits are needed. Chorba's have sold to David Forgione, and Dales (next to Boudot) sold to Deb and Rich Tank. John Collins bought next to Niemi's old house, and Ben and Julie Shock bought Niemi's house. There has been a house torn down across from the swim site. Phil Serra is putting up a garage with the flooring al-

ready placed. Stephanie Wood had back surgery and Karl Wood had heart valve replacement. Joe Krieger is now living here full time. Deb Smith reported an new internet service called "STARLINK" has been tried by several residents with great results. Information will be placed on the FB community page

and the website. There have also been numerous eagle sitings this year.

Fish Planting: No new report, but fish planting will be every other year.

Facebook: Deb Smith reported a good response to the Community page and there are currently 60 members of this site. Mary Ann brought up that a member has asked us to streamline the number of internet sites that ELCOA uses. Deb Smith revealed that Julie Cline is not giving access to one of the sites and consequently a new one had to be started to supply information to the community. She also said that many sites are not under our control. Mike Hardy also has a site not under our control. We sponsor 3 sites only.

Web Page: Sue Neighbors reported there is nothing new.

Area Clean Up: President Krieger said clean up went very well with a good showing of volunteers. He said there are still some pine needle piles to clean up and sticks to be picked up at the boat launch site. Leaves were dumped at the edge of the site and Shirley Miller suggested they be dumped in the woods. Lisa Wick suggested that since everyone is doing spring cleaning, couldn't the association rent a dumpster one time a year so residents could eliminate large items. Suggestions were made by the board. American disposal pick ups large items the second Thursday of every month.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith said the testing will be done in July so the results can be given to the community at the annual picnic. He said the lake is very clear right now but that will change after Memorial Day.

Fourth of July: Discussion was held around raffle tickets and if we needed to apply for a permit. We do not need to for 50/50's. There will be no raffle tickets sent out this year as they did not do well last year. The motion was at the August 2020 meeting and included an early bird value increase for those getting their membership in early. Susan Neighbors will also put this in the newsletter and to send the applications to her first. Marty will handle the purchase and sale of the flares. Su-

san Neighbors is chair of the Fourth of July parade with the theme being animals.

Annual Picnic: Deb Smith reported that she has a small bounce house donated for free use (Sue Neighbors found this), and she has ordered a dunk tank. The committee decided to not get the big bounce house because you could not get the money back if the event was canceled. Joe Krieger will help Deb. Mary Ann Wood will get the meat ordered.

Hayride: Lisa Wick, Tammie Fedor, Joe and Gail Krieger are co-chairs of the Hayride.

Old Business:

Road Maintenance: Brine dates have been posted on the community FB page. The first is May 1, 2021. Donna Militello was to report on checking into brining by ourselves. This is tabled to next meeting as Donna absent.

Bylaws Committee: Marty reported no recent committee meeting but he will have recommendations ready by the annual picnic. Erie High was appointed to join the bylaws committee.

Buoys: Erie High placed the buoys yesterday. The ropes have not been installed. Marty Neighbors has the ropes and will see they are placed when the water temperature is higher.

Newsletter: Susan Neighbors said the newsletter will be ready to be put out in May. She needs labels. Deb Smith will contact the county for addresses and labels. Sue will send newsletter electronically except for those with no email address.

Grass Cutting: Mark Scott said he will no longer do the grass cutting and recommends hiring it done. Discussion went on around who owns and who pays for the grass cutting, also, about purchasing a zero-turn lawn mower. Mark then said if the association buys a lawnmower that he will then do it. It was suggested to put it on FB asking for volunteers to do the grass cutting. It could be by schedule or every 3 weeks. The first cutting has been done already and the group decided to keep as a community project.

New Business:

Director: Due to the resignation of Janet VanRiper, there is a board member opening. Erie High asked to be a new board member. Motion by Marty Neighbors to have Erie as the new board member. Seconded by Lisa Wick. Motion carried.

Repairs: It was brought up that a bench at the beach site needs to be repaired—

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—continued

someone said Ken Van Riper has fixed it already. Mark Scott will fix the broken sign at the entrance to the boat launch. Apparently the fire department hit it when they were here for a fire. Erie High wants to paint the gate at the boat launch. The color will be up to him. Mark Scott remarked that it is a lake with restricted access and not a private lake.

Township Meetings: Erie High brought up that he has been attending the township meetings and because of the fires recently, fire extinguishing has been a heavy topic at the meetings. He said the fire truck couldn't get water from the lake due to the ice. They had to use a heated apparatus to do so. He asked about the fire tap and apparently Ed Erkskine said it was always plugged. Erie offered to keep clean. Discussion revolved around replacing the water tap and Mr. Erkskine offered to do the trenching but that would still involve the cost of materials. Harrison Fire department responded to Tony's fire.

There was a question about the tap if it is good or not. A fire truck was brought up but discussion revealed it was brought up in our past meetings. There would be no one to man it 24 hours a day or do maintenance. Charlie Smith asked if the fire department even wants a tap again. Mark Scott said the association doesn't own that property so it needs to go through the township or county to push through. Erie High will follow up with the fire chief and he will volunteer to clean out the tap if it is put in. Marty suggested that Erie High be the official liaison between the township and ELCOA.

It was also brought up about complaints of the residual brown garbage cans laying around everywhere. Erie said a blight officer has been hired by the township. Then, someone said there are no trash receptacles at the swim site or boat launch. Erie said they are difficult to obtain. One can go to the Franklin Township

website and call Alexa for more cans. Call her at 989-941-5089.

Discussions: Numerous things were just discussed. It was asked if names of the townships were after national presidents? Reference was made to some history FB pages for Meredith and Clare. Erie said the dump site on the grade has been leased to an oil/gas company. Charlie Smith said the flags on the Grade were seismic readings. Lisa Wick said she had a conversation with the oil people and within 2 years there will be no working oil wells in the area because the oil production has slowed significantly.

There was a question about the sawmill and it was revealed that Ken (JC's son) is now driving truck as it is better financially. No update on the Lickin Spoon. The gentleman still owns the building but owes the

Amish for work done. And finally, Jerry Hurst has had a stroke but is doing well.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION for 2021-2022

ELCOA Board Officers:

President

John Krieger	248-390-6881	gailkrieger@yahoo.com
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Vice President

Marty Neighbors	810-599-6347	theneighbors@comcast.net
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Secretary

Mary Ann Wood	989-539-1817	onecoolz@hughes.net
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Treasurer

Mike DeSloover	734-243-2221	mgdesloover@gmail.com
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ELCOA Project Coordinators:

Area Cleanup

Community News

MaryAnn Wood	989-539-1817	onecoolz@hughes.net
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Annual Picnic/Facebook Administrator

Deb Smith	989-560-5811	grammiep1013@yahoo.com
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Fish Planting

Mark Scott	210-284-7700	mascott7676@gmail.com
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Hayride

Neighborhood Watch

Ken VanRiper	989-539-0360	
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Newsletter/Website/Membership

Susan Neighbors	810-599-3366	elbowlakecoa@gmail.com susan4neighbors@gmail.com
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Water Testing

Charlie Smith	989-424-8633	kai538@yahoo.com
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ELCOA Board Members:

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Lake Weeds Treatment

Ruey Wood	989-539-1580	randswood@hughes.net
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ELCOA Membership for 2021-2022

Please fill out and send with check to address below:

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ ☐ cell ☐ landline

Email address _____

Elbow Lake Address _____

Elbow Lake Phone _____ Lot Number _____

Membership dues must be paid before or at the time of the Annual Meeting/ Picnic, scheduled for August 6, 2021, in order to vote.

Dues received by July 15, 2021 qualify for the “EARLY BIRD DRAWING” prize of \$100. (The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting.)

Please send this membership page and a **\$40.00** check, payable to ELCOA to:

**Susan Neighbors
10760 Oakhill St.
Fenton, MI 48430**

If you don't have a printer, just send the above information by mail or email and forward a check. Any other questions?

Contact Sue at susan4neighbors@gmail.com
or elbowlakecoa@gmail.com