



The Birch Bark

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association
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Calendar of Events

Chili Cook off	March 3rd	12 Noon
Board Meeting	March 10th	11 am

FALL & WINTER SCHEDULE

Effective 09-05-17

SWIMMING POOL HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
 Closed Wednesday
 Friday & Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.
 Sunday 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

CLUBHOUSE HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
 Closed Wednesday
 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday
 12:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Sunday

SECRETARY-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday & Tuesday
 Closed Wednesday
 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Thursday & Friday
 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. the 2nd Saturday of the month
 (Will be occupied with Board Meeting at 11:00 A.M.)
 Closed Sunday

SUPERVISOR OFFICE HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday & Tuesday
 Closed Wednesday
 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Thursday & Friday
 Closed Saturday & Sunday

**IF YOU A MEDICAL OR FIRE EMERGENCY PLEASE
CALL 911**

OUR STAFF

Secretary/Treasurer - Vicky McClusky
ecoffice@whitebirch.org - (989) 588-7169

Supervisor - Scott Lubs
supervisor@whitebirch.org - (989) 588-2853

Maintenance - Jeff Wheeler, Bob Luster, Mark
Hathaway

After Hours Maintenance (989) 588-7066

Clubhouse - Georgia Romine, Arec Eastman

Campground Attendant - Claudia Pelfery

Safety - Bob Pelfery

NOTES AND NOTICES

NOTICE

All Board meetings will be starting at 11 am December through March

WBLRA FIRE DANGER INFORMATION

We have had an extremely dry spring, with the danger from fires very real. Please use extreme caution with any fire & follow the fire danger rating system, posted on Smokey at the entrance/exit. WBLRA has chosen to adopt the Michigan DNR regulations that follow.

LOW: Fires are not easily started. Campfires & debris burning is allowed (following WBLRA guidelines & restrictions). Campfires are allowed in approved fire pits with a five-gallon pail of water or a water source/hose attached to a faucet readily available that will reach the fire; fires must be attended at all times & kept to a manageable size. Please see our WBLRA Camping & Fire pit Regulations for more details.

MODERATE: Fires start easily & spread at a moderate rate. Again, campfires & debris burning, following WBLRA guidelines & restrictions, are allowed.

HIGH: Fires start easily & spread at a fast rate. Debris burning, including leaves, is NOT allowed. Campfires are allowed following guidelines & restrictions. Extra attention will be needed to watch your campfire & keep it under control.

VERY HIGH: Again, fires start easily & spread rapidly. Leaf & debris burning NOT allowed. Campfires in approved fire pits are allowed, following WBLRA guidelines & restrictions. Your campfire will need to be monitored constantly & carefully to keep it under control.

BURN BAN: Fire danger is explosive, fires spread at a very fast rate & burn intensely. NO fires are allowed at any time for any reason.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR BURN PERMITS
866-922-2876

If you are receiving your Birch Bark by mail and can help save the Association postage by looking at it on the website, receiving it by email or picking it up in the office or Clubhouse, please give Vicky a call at 989-588-7169. Thank you.

NOTE

When taking brush and leaves to the Old Maintenance Building area, please make sure the cut ends of branches are placed towards the road to help Maintenance handle them more efficiently when chipping. Thank you!!

The 2017 Edition of “The HANDBOOK! Of Michigan Off-Road Vehicle Laws” provided by the DNR is now available for Members to pick up in the Clubhouse and Office.

TRESPASSING INFORMATION

Please be aware that, by leaving WBLRA by any means other than the entrance/exit gates, you are trespassing on private property. We continue to receive complaints from Members about other Members trespassing on their private property in leaving the Association as well as "outsiders" coming in. Please realize that by opening trails, you are encouraging others who do not own property in our Association to come in themselves on these unauthorized trails. The only lawful means of ingress & egress into our Association is the entrance/exit gates on White Birch Lane at the front of the complex. We encourage all Members to use the gates exclusively, as intended. Thank you.

Due to recent theft of a Members property we have begun locking the Winter Storage area gates and have updated locks on the Emergency Exit Gate. If a Member wishes to gain entry to the Storage area please call the Clubhouse during regular office hours before you plan to enter at 989-588-2853.

Thank you.

2018-19 Assessments

The Budget for 2018-19 has been approved and Annual Assessment fees for 2018-19 will remain at \$375.00 per lot. No increase has been done since 2002. Invoices were sent out Monday, February 12th. Please let Vicky know if you do not receive yours.

Boat Slot Renewals

The deadline for Boat Slot Renewals is February 28, 2018. Invoices were included with your 2018-19 Assessment invoices that were sent out on February 12, 2018.

There is a waiting list for boat slots and we want to make sure you do not lose your wanted slot. If you have any questions, please contact Scott at 989-588-2853 during business hours.

Due to the cancellation of the February Board Meeting, this newsletter does not have any minutes attached.

ACTIVITIES



COFFEE TALK

Every Friday 9:00am – 11:00am
Enjoy a cup of coffee and sweet treat. A great way to meet new neighbors, reconnect with old ones or to just keep up on the latest events.

If you would like to host an activity or event please contact Vicky the Secretary/Treasurer @ (989)588-7169

Did you know you can rent the Clubhouse or the Pavilion?
Just call our Supervisor Scott Lubs @ (989) 588-2853



FOOD BASKET

We are still collecting food for those in need. If you have any non- Perishable goods you would like to donate please drop them into the basket at the Clubhouse. Donated items cannot be expired.

ATTENTION

Come one, come all to a Chili Cook off on Saturday, March 3rd from 12:00 Noon until?? Bring your best chili to be judged. Bring your own drinks. There will be a prize for First Place