### Howell Point Picnic Saturday, July 31st

Our annual Pot-Luck Picnic for members and guests will be held Saturday, July 31, beginning at 4:00 pm. Fried chicken and pop from Porky's will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

- If your last name begins with A thru N, please bring a favorite picnic desert to share.
- If your last name begins with O thru Z, please bring a pot-luck side dish to share.

Make sure to bring plates and table service for your family and guests, and lawn chairs and maybe a blanket, too.

A rain decision will be made no later than 2 pm to postpone until Sunday at 1 pm (or, if necessary, cancel entirely). If this becomes necessary, a message will be posted on the bulletin board and an e-mail will be sent notifying every one of the change in plans.



## Important Reminder: Caring for our

■ Penn Township: www.casscountymi.org/TownshipCityVillageInfo/PennTownship.aspx

### useful links:

- Diamond Lake Association: www.dlacassopolis.org/
- Cass County: www.casscountymi.org
- Cass County Sheriff: 269-445-2481 or www.ccso.info
- Michigan Lake and Stream Associations: www.mlswa.orgy.com/
- MSU Extension Land and Water Program: www.shoreline.msu.edu
- Cass County Animal Control: 269-445-3701

# sewer system

The system around Diamond Lake is now on borrowed time. It was installed 28 years ago, with an expected useful life of 20 years. So please follow these simple rules:

- Only flush the 3 P's Pee, Poop, and Toilet Paper
  - Wipes Clog Pipes while the package may say it's "flushable," it isn't.

Visit the Diamond Lake Association website for more information.

### ■ Imagine Cass: http://cassopolis-mi.us/imagine-cass/

#### Have a wonderful and safe summer! — YOUR HOWELL POINT BOARD

The production and printing of this newsletter has been generously donated by our lake side neighbors, Chris and Lori Stanicek. Thank you!

# ASSOCIATION

#### mark your calendar:

- Boat Owners Meeting at the Park Saturday, May 29th @ 9:30 am
- Howell Point Annual Meeting at the Park Saturday, May 29th @ 10:00 am
- Diamond Lake Association Annual Meeting at the Yacht Club Saturday, June 12nd @ 10:30 am
- Diamond Lake Fireworks Saturday, July 3rd @ 10:30 pm (Rain/Wind date: Sunday, July 4th)
- 2021 Diamond Lake Triathlon at Diamond Lake Marina Tentatively Scheduled: Saturday, July 17th @ 7:30 am For more information or to serve as a volunteer, please contact Joe Fazzini at j.fazzini@yahoo.com or 317-490-7843
- Howell Point Potluck/Picnic at Howell Point Park & Willow Beach Saturday, July 31st @ 4:00 pm
- Cass County Fair August 1st thru August 7th
- Pier Removal Begins Monday, October 11th (All boats and mooring posts must be removed no later than Sunday, October 10th)

#### COVID-19 NOTICE:

As I write this newsletter, I am optimistic that any restrictions on outdoor gatherings will be lifted prior to our various meetings and events. If that is not the case, we will reschedule as required and send notices to our membership via e-mail.

– Pete



Please take the time to attend our 2021 Annual Meeting on

Saturday, May 29th at 10:00 am in the Park. We will be electing

the President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary positions for 2021.

Trustee, Roseanne Byrne, who was appointed to the Board last fall

and who requires approval by a vote of the members. Nominations

All three are one-year terms. In addition, we will be electing one

for these positions will be taken and voted upon at the meeting.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.howellpoint.org

#### Howell Point ASSOCIATION

### Important Announcements:

#### Annual Dues:

At the 2020 Annual Meeting the members voted to authorize the Board to review and increase if necessary the annual dues for all Howell Point members. The question also was asked, "are dues mandatory?" Board member Joe Scharnak is an attorney who specializes in home owner and condominium association legal affairs. He has reviewed our By-Laws and confirms that dues are mandatory.

The Board has voted to increase annual dues to \$75 effective this year.

#### Neighborhood Watch:

We've heard of increasing incidents of car break-ins and other problems. If you see something, say something! Don't hesitate to call the Cass County Sheriff's Office at 269-445-2481, or 911. Also, you can report a concern by going to the Sheriff's website at www.ccso.info.

### Traffic Safety:

Please slow down and enjoy your time at the lake. While Howell Drive is a nice, straight stretch past the Park, it also has a lot of kids and pedestrians crossing the street into the Park. 25 mph please!



: Please send your

(Please include your current e-mail address with your payment)

Cassopolis, Michigan 49031

: (Remit payment with enclosed pull-out)

**Howell Point Association** 

payment to:

C/O Sue Zimmer

61256 Putnam Road

# annual dues

**\$75** Boater deadline: April 1st Non-Boater deadline: May 1st

#### How do we utilize your payment?

- Park lawn care
- Park trash service
- Picnic tables & lawn furniture
- Park and entrance lights
- Park upgrades and maintenance
- Maintenance of swimming area
- Liability Insurance
- Annual Neighborhood Picnic

#### Improvements:

Late last year we saw our swim raft spring a leak and begin to sink! Efforts to keep it afloat worked briefly, but the leak returned. We have purchased a **new swim raft** that will be launched this spring in time for the beginning of our swimming season.

Drainage in and through the Park has become a bigger problem. When we have heavy rains, areas of the park get swampy and the ditches retain water. This spring, JL Landscaping will be working to restore the ditches at the north and south ends of the park. This will involve digging out high spots and planting new grass.

We have a new, weatherproof bulletin board at the south end of the Park, near the parking lot. We use it for special announcements and posting of helpful information, including emergency contact phone numbers. Take a look!



#### 6 Smart911<sup>™</sup>

lake, with no land line. Smart 911 allows you to create a Safety Profile at www.smart911.com for your household that includes any information you want 911 operators and response teams to have in the event of an emergency. Cass County now participates in Smart 911. When you make an emergency call your Safety Profile is automatically displayed to the 911 operator in the Sheriff's office. Learn more and sign up



by visiting www.smart911.com.



We are all lucky to be able to spend great times here at beautiful Diamond Lake. Show your pride in living here

by caring for our neighborhood, our wonderful park and our lake – the jewel of Southwest Michigan.

Howell Point, Penn Twsp., Cass County, Michigan

### A bird's eye view of Howell Point

Here is an aerial view of Howell Point taken from Google Earth. Our community encompasses all of the lakefront properties along Howell Drive and Beardsley Lane on the south and east, and includes all of the homes within the area bounded on the west and north by Golf Lane and Shiawassee Drive, along with a few properties on the north side of Shore Acres Road.

#### Howell Point Association Boardof Trustees:

OFFICE	ELECTION CYCLE	CURRENTLY
President	1 Year	Pete Trotter
Treasurer	1 Year	Sue Zimmer
Secretary	1 Year	Marianne Trotter
Board Members	4 Years	Charlie Brown, Roseanne Byrne, Jerry Droppo, Joe Scharnak, Joe Suseland & Wayne Vandermeer

#### Volunteers Welcome!

Your mother probably told you this... Many hands make light work!

The same holds true for Howell Point Park. If you can help out with some of our activities your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Opportunities abound to help keep the park looking good, and we can use some extra hands for the Annual Pot-Luck Picnic with setting up, taking down, and helping with the kids' activities. See something you'd like to see improved – or fixed – let us know and pitch in to give us a hand.