



# SEVEN HARBORS NEWS

## Annual 7-Harbors Bike Parade July 1st at 10:00am



Meet your neighbors at 10 AM, Saturday July 1st at the corner of W. Clarice and Beaumont. The participants will then proceed behind the Highland Township Fire Truck along the parade route with bells and whistles in action. The parade ends at the South Beach at the end of E. Clarice. At the beach we will have a picnic with hot dogs, drinks, and goodies. It is a day filled with fun, mainly provided by the generosity of others through the donations to the Bike Parade and volunteers who help out the day of the picnic. Thanks to the Wine Basket for their contributions of hot dogs, drinks and munchies! VFW hall for the use of their large hot grill and volunteers who undertake the enormous task of cooking and serving over 400 hot dogs. DJ Meats provides their ice cream cart so you can cool off with a dessert! Entertainment in the form of bounce house and crafts for the kids. We are asking everyone to play a small part if possible – **we are looking for baked goods to complete our picnic. Please bring donations to the beach the day of the parade. We start setting up at 8:00 am.** Visit [www.7-harbors.org](http://www.7-harbors.org) for pictures of past parade day events and remember to support your local and generous neighbor businesses.

We still need Volunteers for this year's event: Please contact Jan Anger: [jan7-harbors@comcast.net](mailto:jan7-harbors@comcast.net), 313-701-6029 or Denice LeVasseur ([iamdenice@gmail.com](mailto:iamdenice@gmail.com)) 248-770-6161.



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### GRAND MARSHAL OF THE BIKE PARADE AND PICNIC!

This year Seven Harbors Bike Parade and Picnic is honored to have as our Grand Marshal a veteran who grew up in Seven Harbors, Retired Command Sergeant Major Daniel D. Oltesvig. Sgt Major Oltesvig joined the army at age 24 and served for 27 years. He was in the first Iraq war with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne. Sgt Major Otesvig grew up at 3975 Woodland.

I had an opportunity to interview Sgt Major Oltesvig regarding his experiences in Seven Harbors and beyond.

Denice: Sgt Major Otesvig, what is your favorite memory of growing up in 7 Harbors?

Sgt Major Otesvig: My favorite memory of 7 Harbors was the Big Beach, now called South Beach. It had rafts and diving boards and a club house.

Denice: I have been told that there once was a baseball field in the neighborhood. Do you remember that?

Sgt Major Otesvig: Yes. The baseball field was at the entrance. There was a grand stand, there were bleachers, dug outs and a scoreboard. It was all fenced in. You could enjoy watching a game if you were not playing.

Denice: What kind of foolishness did you engage in as a teenager in 7 Harbors that got you into trouble?

Sgt Major Oltesvig: Once when I was showing off on a bicycle for a girl I broke my collarbone at the South Beach.

Denice: What would you say you learned from your career in the army?

Sgt Major Oltesvig: I learned how to take orders. I bettered myself. I received an excellent education. I also was able to learn Martial Arts, directly from a Korean. I retired after 27 years in the service at the rank of Command Sergeant Major. I was in the first Iraq war with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, I was a special operator for the Army serving in South America. My unit and I were instrumental in capturing Manuel Noreiga in the conflict with Panama, and other incursions I am not able to mention.

Denice: We are honored to have you serve as our Grand Marshal and look forward to your participation in the bike parade and picnic on July 1 at 10:00a.m.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CONTINUE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE AND PICNIC FOR FUTURE YEARS.**

Several Board members and other volunteers worked together to make sure the party will happen this year (2017), as no one responded to our request from the April newsletter to take over the coordination. Again we need to thank Danielle Pierce who has put on many successful years of 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades and picnics. It is time for others to step up take over putting on this party. Everything has been documented for ease of coordinating this event.

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## **IT WOULD BE SAD IF THIS EVENT DOESN'T HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE IF NO ONE STEPS UP TO TAKE ON!!!!**



### **THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING**



We saw a significant increase in attendance at the April General Meeting of the Seven Harbors White and Duck Lake Association. Thanks to all who attended.

There were some hotly contested issues on the agenda. Through discussion and debate we came to a general consensus on the issues.

The first issue was easy. The president of the White Lake Citizen's League asked our permission to use the South Beach in connection with the fireworks. We have traditionally done this. However, this year he had an added request that the fireworks operator and the sheriff be allowed to use the Lakeview boat launch on the day of the fireworks. This request was granted.

The more controversial request was one which initially appeared to impose more burden on our common areas than many attendees were willing to endure. The president of the White Lake Citizens' League noted that once the public access closes, there will be no launch for removal of boats from the lake that are in need of repair. He has contacted the several private launches on the lake and had not yet received permission for the use of any other launch. Discussion of the multiple launches was held, noting that most are in disrepair. It was pointed out that members of our association pay to maintain not just the boat launch but also the roads and the bridge to and from the boat launch. We do not want a heavy increase in traffic because it will increase the financial burden of the members to maintain this infrastructure. A suggestion was made to charge a fee. However, it was noted that this would make us a marina and we would need to get a permit and additional insurance to address the increased exposure to liability claims.

Through debate and discussion, the parameters of the request were pared down. The request then became limited to only boats owned by residents on the lake, not the weekend warriors, and only boats for the purpose of repair, not casual in and out. Under these limited circumstances, and upon proper screening of the person making the request, Cliff Fluegge may arrange to meet the boat owner to allow the boat owner to use our boat launch to get the boat out of the lake for repairs. Remember, you may not allow someone else to dock their boat at your house for money or voluntarily.

At the meeting we also had a presentation by volunteer Marty Drury regarding the plan for the entrance landscaping. The design looks great! We authorized the cutting down of a tree that is on its way down and encouraged volunteers to help with the planting.

Budget issues were discussed. It looks like we may soon have enough money for the street project. All in all, it looks like we are heading into a great summer in Seven Harbors this year.

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**ASSOCIATION GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>.**



### SPEEDING ON BEAUMONT



We have had many complaints about the speeding on Beaumont. Remember from the entrance to the Bridge is county road and can be enforced by Oakland County Sheriffs. If you see speeding on Beaumont, call Oakland County Sheriffs dispatch at: 248-853-4950 ext. 8.

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**BEAUMONT ENTRANCE BEAUTIFICATION**



You should have noticed the work that has been done at the Beaumont entrance. A big Thanks to Marty Drury for taking on this task and seeing it through. It's beautiful. Also thanks to all that helped with the planting on May 13<sup>th</sup> as well as to Sherry Dawson and those who maintained this area in the past, and for the generous donations from Donna Capanyola, Gary Peters, Rick Vincenzett, Bill & Judy Rose and the Mitchell Team.





## **RULES FOR THE BOAT LAUNCHES IN SEVEN HARBORS**



**As you may know the DNR boat launch will be closed early June – possibly after Labor Day. To eliminate abuse of our launches we need to be sure you are locking the gate after each use.**

**We have recently completed major repairs to both launches and do not want un authorized people putting wear and tear to our property or having their cars and boat trailers parked in our out lots or our roads.**

**Remember you are NOT to be sharing your boat launch keys with outsiders or other members who do not have a key. If they are paid up members they can obtain their own key**

**(Keys can be obtained at the month meetings or by calling Cliff Flugge @ 248-787-4907.)**

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**Up Coming Events and other dates**

DNR will be closing the Duck Lake Rd. boat launch from early June to possibly after Labor Day for improvements.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike parade & picnic  
Saturday, July 1, 2017

**Steak Dinner**  
Second Friday of every month, VFW Hall

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast**  
Monday, 5/29/17, White Lake Inn  
8:30 – 11:30am

Saturday May 20, 2017-Association Garage Sale.



Annual 7-Harbors Golf Outing  
Saturday, September 23rd

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