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## BIG PINE ISLAND LAKE ASSOCIATION

September 2008 Newsletter



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### DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

**Come to the Big Pine  
Island Lake Association  
Membership Meeting!!  
Tuesday, October 14  
at the Grattan Township  
Hall at 7:00 pm**



## Note from the President

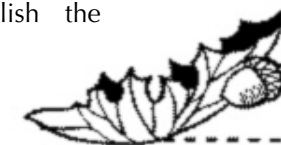
The reason we form associations is to bring together a common thought, idea, or feeling that is linked together for a common purpose. The purpose of the Big Pine Island Lake Association (BPILA) is to preserve the quality of our lake, maintain growth in our property values, and to ensure the quality of life in our community. The BPILA Board of Directors consists of four positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These four positions are 100% volunteer, with a requirement that you live on the lake. In addition to the board of directors, we also have 10 neighborhood representatives that assist with projects, an editor for our newsletter, and our lake resident that participates on the Lake Improvement Board and is active with the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program.

The work we do is funded solely by our annual Lake Association Dues. These dues are collected around the beginning of the calendar year when we send out a mailing with the details. As a contributing member of the BPILA you have helped us accomplish the following:

### 2008 Accomplishments

- Membership and active participation in Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, and the Michigan Lakes & Streams
- Ad hoc representation during The Grattan Township Board Meetings, Planning Commission, and the Sewer advisory board.
- Fundraising team for the annual Big Pine Island Lake Fireworks display.
- Monitoring and guidance to the Lake Improvement Board to ensure adequate and effective chemical and harvesting weed treatments.
- Water quality analysis for purity and clarity.
- Discount plan for a community refuse collection service.
- Quarterly newsletter to communicate information, and important dates.
- Advertising opportunities in quarterly newsletter.
- Established an association email distribution for quick and effective communication.
- Active communication with the Kent County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on lake issues.
  - New resident welcoming program and packet.

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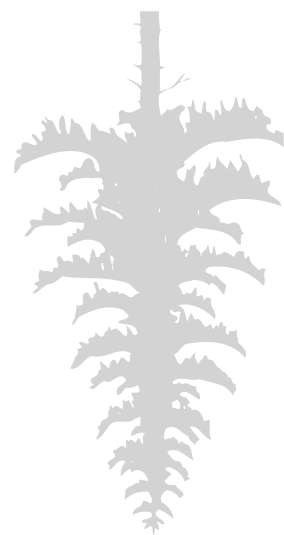


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# NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Note (continued)

### 2009 Objectives

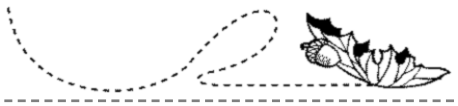
- Monitoring of invasive Species ie Zebra Mussels and other aquatic invaders
- Goose round up program as needed (must have 28 resident geese on the lake)
- Community improvement projects
- Community Safety network.
- Lake Historian to research our past.
- Sponsored activities and events on the lake.
- Additional fundraising to increase projects and improve our fireworks display.

For those of you that have supported our association I would like to say "thank you" on behalf of the BPILA board of directors. The more we are able to collect from dues and the more volunteers we have, the more projects and activities we can accomplish. Feel free to send me an email with any comments or questions at [bpilapresident@comcast.net](mailto:bpilapresident@comcast.net). We look forward to your participation in 2009, and to seeing you at our Annual Lake Association Meeting on October 14, 2008! It is not too late to join the Big Pine Island Lake Association. If you wish

membership in this organization, please forward a check for \$20.00 with your name, address, and e-mail address to:

BPILA  
P.O. Box #115  
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If your name is not listed in this newsletter, but you have paid your dues to the BPILA for this year, please notify our president at [bpilapresident@comcast.net](mailto:bpilapresident@comcast.net).



# COOPERATIVE LAKE MANAGEMENT REPORT

## Cooperative Lake Management Report

This summer Big Pine Island Lake has seen a lot of activity, and your Lake Association has played an integral part in the maintenance and health of the lake. Since early Spring the Lake Association trained volunteers have been collecting and tracking lake clarity, phosphorus and chlorophyll. This information will document water trends, and help determine lake management practices.

Because of concerns expressed by the Lake residents following the sewage

spill, these same volunteers took further steps to measure for e.Coli levels in three different locations in our Lake. These samples were sent to the Kent County Health Department for testing. The results of the tests indicated that the e.Coli were within safe levels.

The Lake Association volunteers have also been testing for the presence of Zebra mussels. To date, the tests have shown no evidence of this invasive species. Additional test sites would

be helpful to have a better overall record for our Lake. If you would like to set up your own test site, please send inquiries to [danbailey@tm.net](mailto:danbailey@tm.net). Copies of the annual report from Progressive AE, our lake management company, will be available at the annual Big Pine Island Lake Association Membership Meeting on October 14, 2008.

*Dan Bailey,*  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT REPRESENTATIVE



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## GETTING READY FOR THE COLD WEATHER???

Wood stoves will be working again soon. Please check your chimney before using them. Also, a limited number of fire alarms are available at the fire station. You may call the Grattan Firechief, Lou Kirkbride at 691-8523 to request one.

The Grattan Fire Department will be sponsoring a community CPR class if enough citizens are interested. Time and dates are pending. You can call 691-8523 or 788-7029 if you are interested.