



BARLOW LAKE

Michigan

Where proper attire is required

Hello SUMMER

It's my hope your summer on Barlow this year is filled with fun and fond memories! Docks and boats are in and water levels have risen back to seasonal normal ranges.

*Please join us on **Saturday, June 4 @ 9am** at Yankee Springs Township Hall to get the latest updates on committees and board activities over the last several months and hear about exciting new events coming!*

See you on the Lake!
Rick

What's Inside:

Event Dates

Welcome Committee

Boat Parade

Fishing Contest

History Page

And More!



ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President - Rick Gannon
Vice President - Ryan Asbury
Secretary - Marilyn Wagner
Treasurer - Lori Ritter

EVENT COORDINATORS

Fireworks - Earl Krol
Boat Parade - Joan Lutke
Buoys - Roger Offringa
Fishing Program -
Mike & Bradley Moerman
Picnic - Donna Cook,
Deb Mousseau and YMCA staff
Newsletter - Karen Hale
Water Testing - Alan & Cindy
Hooker
Welcome Committee -
Wendy Loveless, chair

AREA CAPTAINS

Area 1
Jim and Mary Lou Johnson
Luke Miller
Area 2
Greg Oatley
Area 3
Ron Dressander
Todd and Lori Ritter
Area 4
Mick & Wanda Hunt
Mike & Marilyn Wagner
Area 5
Terri Duff
Fred Ainsworth
Dan Holtrop
Deb Offringa
Area 6
Sue O'Brien

welcome — TO THE LAKE —



Bob and Kim Workman
697 Bluff



Michael and Betsy Moore
11842 Friendship Ct.



Our Welcome Committee!

Be Courteous Please!

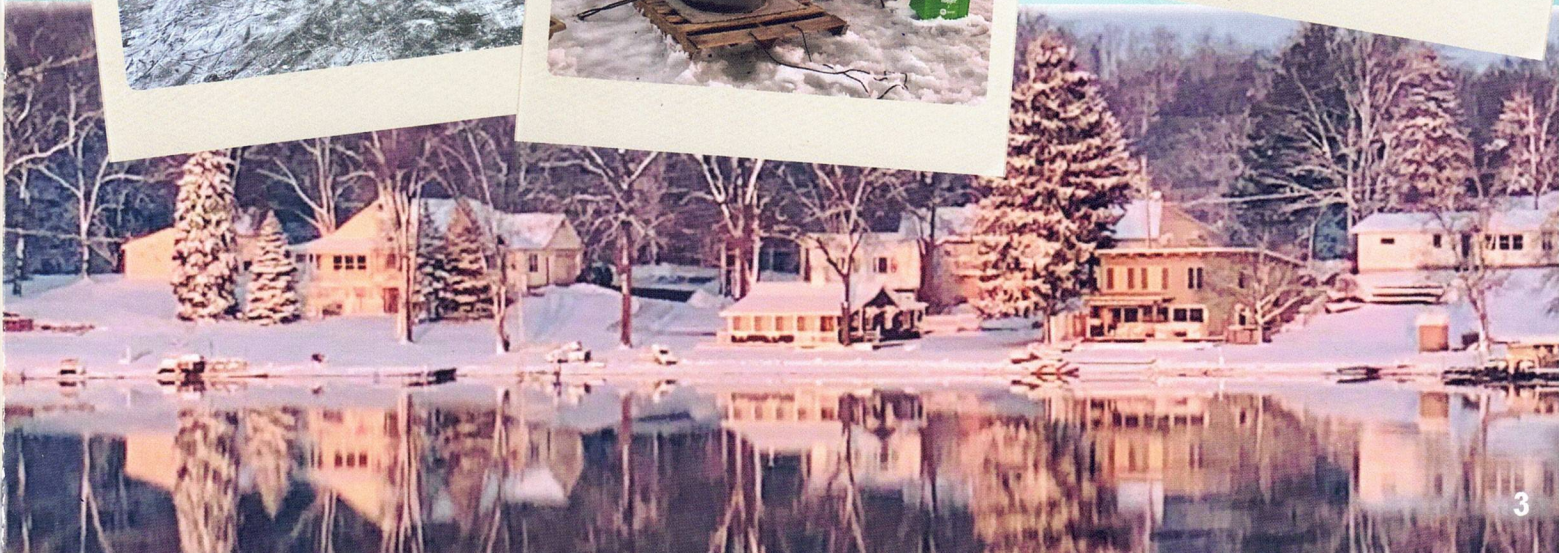
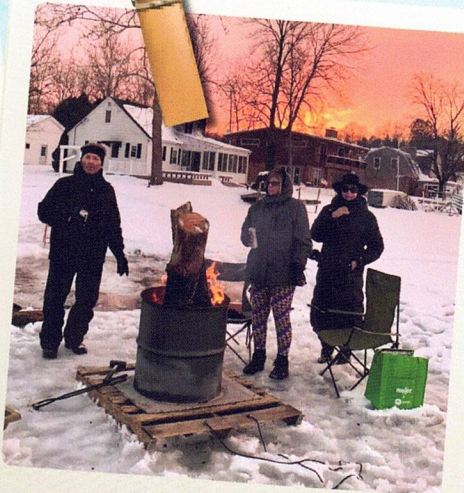
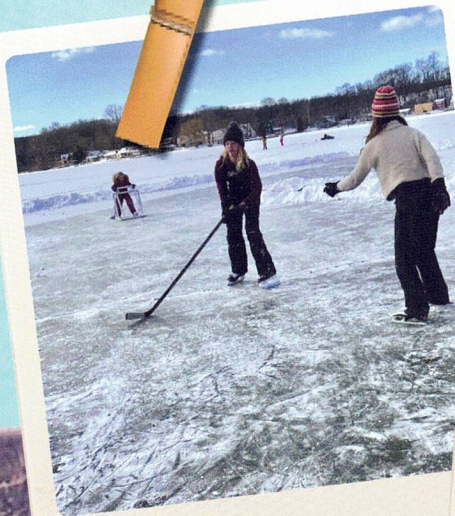
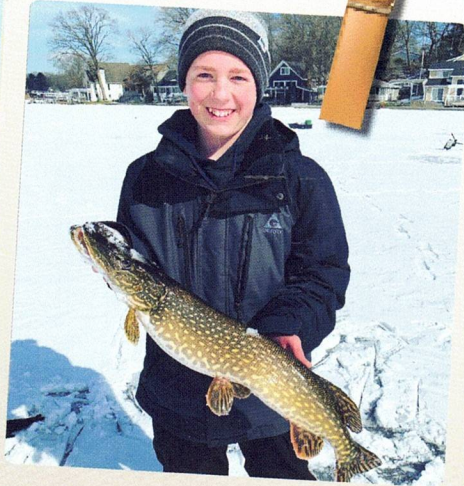


Water levels are high
and we should all be as respectful/
mindful of the additional
shoreline and other damage
that occurs from boat wakes
when the water is high.



**Be respectful of property owners
adjacent to boat launches**
by being as quick and as quiet etc.
as possible when launching boats.
Consider how many launchings they
are exposed to each year.

SEASONS ON THE LAKE



HISTORY ON BARLOW LAKE

BARLOW LAKE DIRECTORIES

1956

DIRECTORY

of

**Barlow
Lake**

Barry County, Michigan



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1966-1968

DIRECTORY

of

BARLOW LAKE

BARRY COUNTY

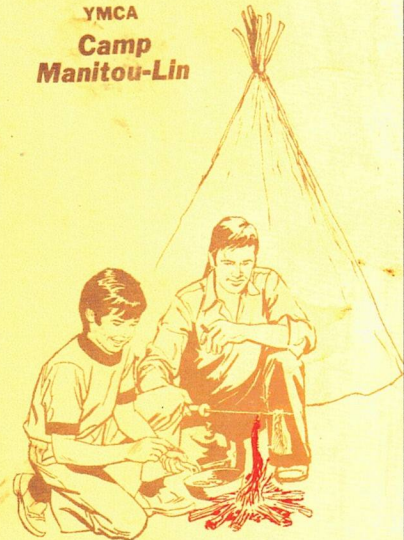
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IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

YMCA
Camp
Manitou-Lin



Barlow Lake Directory
1979

ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Barlow Lake Improvement Association is completing its sixth year of existence, during which time a nucleus of Barlow Lake boosters have met seven or eight times a year to foster any and all improvements they could for our community. Two meetings have been largely social in nature, the July picnic and the closing picnic, usually at our local Y.M.C.A. Camp.

Projects completed over the years include the following: Barlow Lake's bottom and fish life have been surveyed twice, and a three year program of fish planting has been carried out. It included the planting of 10,000 small mouth bass and 10,000 wall-eyes, plus some rainbows.

The bad corner north of the skating rink has been widened and improved at the urging of the Association. We also encouraged the black-topping of the road from Middleville to Barlow Lake. This will soon be linked with the black-top leading to Gun Lake.

The new directory is the third one of our career. Mrs. Evert Smits deserves much credit for hours of hard work in getting out this most recent one.

Through our efforts, the local township government guarantees payment to the Middleville Fire Department for runs made to Barlow Lake.

Two attempts to place a prison work camp in this immediate area were blocked by members from our association. New area signs and new signs directing traffic to Barlow Lake were installed in the summer of 1955.

Danger warnings have been placed in various parts of the lake to warn motor boat operators of stones and shallows. Recently we tried to meet the problems created by conflicting interests of fishermen, motor boat operators, and skiers, by issuing a group of "Safety Suggestions."

Garbage collection and mosquito spraying services have been made available to residents.

We have re-ordered the very popular maps of Barlow Lake. These are made by the State Fisheries Division at Ann Arbor and may be purchased for \$1.50.

We have contributed time, material, and labor to build a headgate at the outlet, and more recently a permanent headgate at the flume to establish a water level satisfactory to all.

United, we hope to go on to many more accomplishments.

HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY

For the purpose of easily locating any cottage or residence on or near Barlow Lake, the map placed in the center of this directory has been divided into areas numbered from 1 to 6, or B.M. for Bowens Mills, or B.R. for Briggs Road. Preceding each name in the directory you will find first the area number, or letters, then the cottage number. By checking these numbers on the map you will be able to find the location of each and every resident in the lake area.

This directory is made possible through the efforts of the Barlow Lake Improvement Association and with the cooperation of the merchants listed in the following pages.

OFFICERS

Mrs. Amos Palmer	President
L. A. Willette	Vice President
Lester Johnson	Treasurer
Mrs. Evert Smits	Secretary

A TRIBUTE TO A BEAUTIFUL LAKE — AN ENCHANTING LAKE

Shimmering in the shadows of lofty pines and majestic oaks, nestled among wooded hills and the scented green of upland and meadow, dancing and twinkling under the magic spell of a harvest moon, lies a beautiful lake — an enchanting lake — a lake kept clear, cool and sparkling by a multitude of springs; some small, some large and awe inspiring.

Here the wily bass and the crafty pike test the art of the most skillful fisherman. Yes, they are here and in numbers, too, but one must outwit them to catch them. Panfish, too, are here in abundance, but the big ones will test your skill at angling.

Here the redman in days of yore, pitched his tepee, caught his fish and hunted the elusive deer. The mighty tribes of Pottawattamies, Algonquins and Ottawas left many of their implements of warfare and the hunt, to be found in later years by tillers of the soil and those hunting for relics of these ancient people.

Here in more recent years, seeking the quiet, peace and comfort of a beautiful spot, have come many people, to build their summer cottages and homes, or to rent for a week, or two, or three or more. Yes, here in the west of Barry County, beckoning for you to come and build or buy, or rent, lies —

BEAUTIFUL BARLOW LAKE

Barlow Lake Improvement Association

—53—

For More Fun In A Boat Use Common Sense Afloat

PUTTING MOTOR IN BOAT



A prelude to a soaking. Even the India rubberman of sideshow fame couldn't recover from this split.



Don't do it the hard way! Step into the center of the boat. Then reach up and lift motor into position.

PROPER ATTACHMENT



Gone but not forgotten. Improper or insecure fastening of motor to transom is invitation to disaster.



Use a safety chain or cable. Tie that motor down and keep your outboard on board. Save your gear.

BE COURTEOUS



Whoa there cowboy! You're not the only critter on this range. Have fun but let's share it.



There is room for all. Give swimmers and anglers a wide berth and respect their rights.

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GUN LAKE NORTH SIDE GROCERY

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Thursday afternoon 1 to 4
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Private Parties Solicited
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Middleville, Mich.

Milestones Of Progress At MANITOU-LIN

"On the Shores of Old Lake Barlow
Tapestried in Green,
Lies the Camp of Manitou-Lin.
Happy Days, The Scene..."

and those happy days have been seen by many thousands of boys through the years, since the beginning of Camp Manitou-Lin.

Manitou Lin did not "just happen." Thought and planning, devotion and idealism, sharing and sacrifice...these are what have made Camp Manitou Lin possible today.

The founding of Camp Manitou-Lin came after a sixteen year program of camping for Grand Rapids boys by the Y.M.C.A. The first Grand Rapids "Y" Camp was held at Green Lake in 1897. From then until 1912, the camp was held successively at Green Lake, Whitefish Lake, White Lake, Mona Lake, Spring Lake and on the Muskegon River, near Croton.

These camp sites were but temporary and the Association was looking forward to a permanent location. A beautiful and favorably located site was found in 1912 on the east shore of Barlow Lake. Mr. Herman Liesveld was President of the Y.M.C.A. at that time. He purchased thirty acres of property for the "Y" and later presented it to the Association as a gift.

The first season at the Barlow Lake camp, named Manitou-Lin, was in 1913. The name was selected from the Ojibway Indian language because it reflected the true meaning of the camp... "where the Great Spirit Lives."

Camp Manitou-Lin, like other branches and programs of the Y.M.C.A., is a lay organization. The camp committee is the governing board, and decision making body of the camp. The committee is made up of representatives of the Metropolitan Board of Directors, the Kent Y's Men, Noon Y's men, and interested parents in the community. Each of the men of the camp committee has a real interest in the camp, and most have been campers, and counselors themselves.

The director of the first camp, in 1913 was Oscar J. Fox. The thousands of boys who attended camp from 1913 to 1919 under his leadership found in Mr. Fox a very sincere, truly Christian, helpful friend. The influence of his life as it touched the lives of these growing boys was strong deep and lasting.

The 1921 Season Directors were Bernard B. Drukker and Dr.

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2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark
Your
Calendar!

Association Spring Meeting

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4
9:00AM**

Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 N Briggs Rd

4th
of
July

Fireworks

**SATURDAY, JULY 2
10:15 PM**

Boat Parade

SATURDAY, JULY 2



**Turtle Bay
2:00 PM**



LAKE ASSOCIATION PICNIC

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
4:00 - 7:00 PM**

Food served at 6:00pm

Open to all Barlow Lake Residents
and family members!

Association Summer Meeting

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
9:00AM**

Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 N Briggs Rd

2022 BOAT PARADE THEME: PATRIOTIC

Saturday, July 2 • 2:00pm • Turtle Bay

Please plan to be ready at the Turtle Bay shortly before 2:00pm so we may begin on time and distribute goodie bags.

Decorate your Boat and Let's Have Fun!

Goodie bags will be provided to each boat for the children in attendance.

Please contact Joan Lutke at Lluckyrun@icloud.com or (616) 389-9411

with an approximate number of children participating (goodie bags fitting for age of 12ish and under).

RSVP by July 1st, so we can better plan the approximate number of children joining in the fun.

We will have more than enough goodie bags filled for those unexpected guests that arrive.

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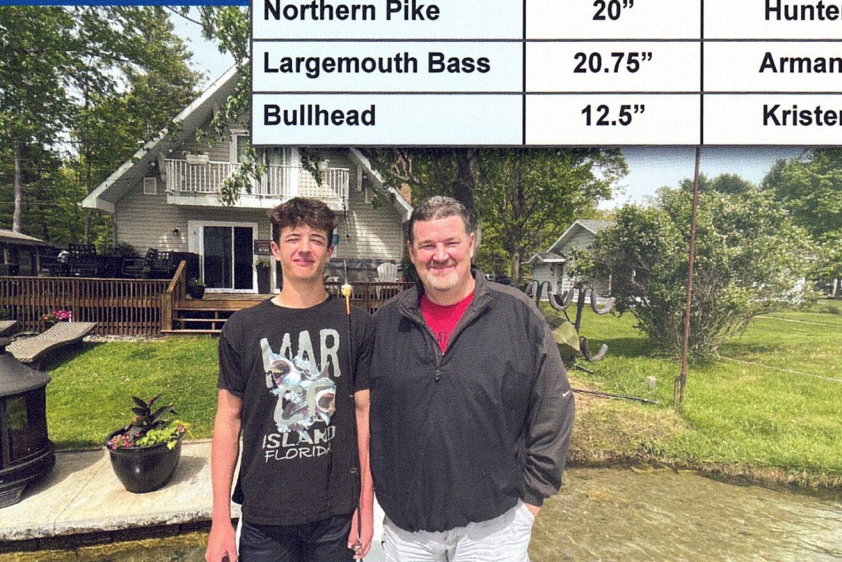
2021 Fishing Contest Final Results

Contest runs Memorial Day through Labor Day

MY DINNER
IS STILL IN
BARLOW LAKE



Species	Size	Name	Date
Sunfish	10.25"	Miles VanDyken	5/31/2021
Crappie	11.25"	Hunter Pitsch	
Gar Pike	33.25"	Lois Barber	
Perch	8.75"	Hunter Pitsch	
Walleye	28"	Austin Plumert	9/4/2021
Rock Bass	9.5"	Bryson Spanjer	5/31/2021
Smallmouth Bass	20.5"	River Smith	8/1/2021
Northern Pike	20"	Hunter Pitsch	
Largemouth Bass	20.75"	Armando Rios	8/13/2021
Bullhead	12.5"	Kristen Lynch	9/4/2021



Mike Moerman and his son Bradley will be handling the stocking of fish and fishing contest.
Thank You to Jordan for your years of service!

2022 Fishing Contest:

NOTE: NEW FISHING CONTEST CONTACT

Mike Moerman

Please send your catch information to mikemoerman@aol.com or (269) 986-4689

REMEMBER TO SEND MIKE YOUR PICTURES!

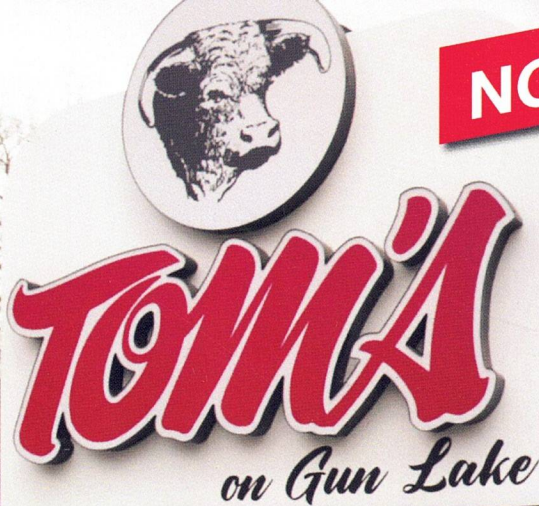
Your catch information should include length (measured with mouth closed & with a tape measure), species, date caught & fisherman's name (with lake address & relationship to lake resident). Please send a picture as well if possible!

Rules change: All bluegills, warmouth, pumpkinseeds & sunfish will be combined into one category named Sunfish due to hybridization & all of them starting to look alike.

Check Out Our New Website and Features!

www.barlowlakemi.com

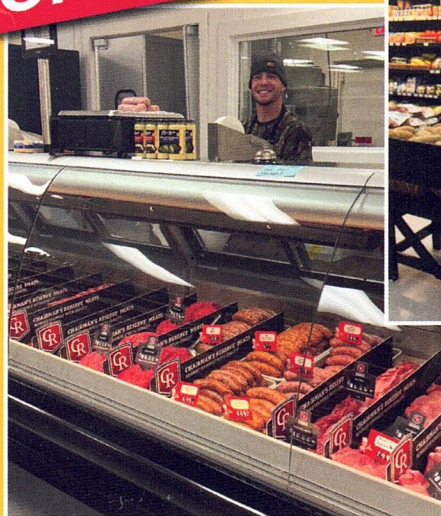




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Hastings



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2022

May

29 Rev. Paul Mpindi

June

05 Rev. Jeff Sajdak
12 Pastor Daryl Crawford
19 Rev. Rick Tigchon
26 Rev. Paul Mpindi

July

03 Rev. Cal Bremer
10 Rev. Dann Stouten
17 TBA
24 Pastor Dan Wright
31 Rev. Jeff Weima

August

07 Rev. David Bast
14 Rev. Matt Tuininga
21 Pastor John DeKruyter
28 Rev. Jim Holwerda

September

04 Rev. Paul Fazio



You are invited to join us
on Sunday mornings
from Memorial Day
through Labor Day.
Our community worship
includes a variety of
ministers and musicians.

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10 AM

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