

BARLOW LAKE

Where Proper Attire Is Required

*Barlow
Buzz*



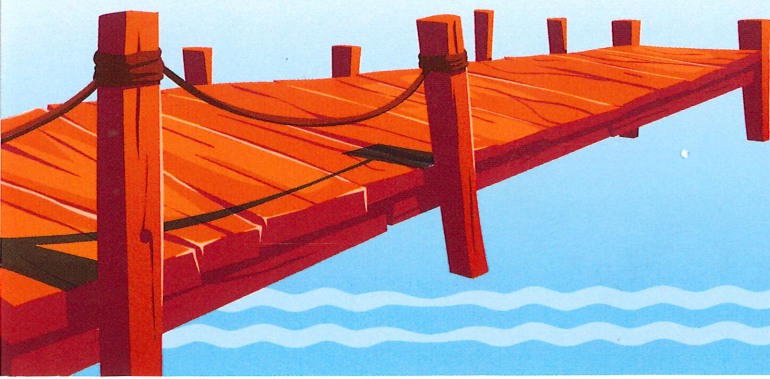
Hey Barlow Lakers!

Spring has arrived and Summer is coming!

It has been exciting to see all the docks go in, even as it snowed in April. The lake is up high once again, and activity is starting on the lake along with the wildlife of swans, loons, buffleheads, turtles and fish. Last fall, we were able to stock the lake with Fish and started some fun Fall/Winter activities. It's going to be another fun Summer on Barlow Lake with lots of activities to gather and get to know your neighbors. Reach out this summer and meet a family you didn't know on the lake.

See you in the water!

*Lori
Barlow Lake Treasurer*



What's Inside:

**Association Officers
and Volunteers**

Welcome Committee

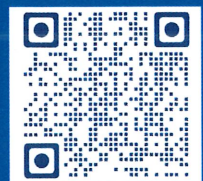
Event Dates

Boat Parade

Fishing Contest

And More!

Check our website @
barlowlakemi.com
for additional
information and updates!



Scan barcode with your phone
camera to access website

Thank You!

*To our awesome volunteers
and committee members!*

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
Dale DeYoung, Jared Nichols & Alan Hooker
YMCA Camp Day - YMCA staff
Newsletter - Karen Hale
Water Testing - Alan & Cindy Hooker
Welcome Committee - Wendy Loveless, chair
Paddle Poker Run - Linda Bensyl & Gloria Pitsch
Venetian Parade - Sherri DeVries

AREA CAPTAINS

Area 1

Luke Miller

Area 2

Greg & Sharon Oatley

Area 3

Ron Dressander

Area 4

Mick & Wanda Hunt
Dave & Kristy Williamson

Area 5

Terri Duff
Fred Ainsworth
Dan & Brenda Holtrop
Deb Offringa

Area 6

Sue O'Brien

Thank You to all the area captains volunteers!

These volunteers will be helping keep the association informed of things happening in their areas, vote for boat parade winner, keeping the area signs maintained, delivering newsletters and help your area support any neighbors in need.

welcome

TO THE LAKE



Susan & Luke Gerke

Susan and Luke Gerke & Dog Avril

1292 Manitou Lane July 2022 Area 3

Lisa and Sam Mensch & Daughters Ava and Remi

1310 Payne Lake May 2022 Area 6

Joy Aten

726 Perch Cove Ct Area 5

Bob and Susan Sheerhorn

1539 Manitou Lane Area 2 Spring 2023

Don and Liz Klein

1731 Manitou Lane, Building Summer 2023, Area 2

George and Jan Papadelis

1562 Heritage Bay Dr., Moving in Summer 2023, Area 1

Michelle Emmons and Mark Hartman

11445 Laham Lane (off Briggs) October 2022 Area 3

Say hello when you see them on the lake!

UPDATE:

Updated directories will be **emailed** to you soon,
contact association@barlowlakemi.com
if we do not have your email address.
GET ON OUR EMAIL LIST

NEW! Pay Your Dues Online

**Scan the QR Code
With Your Phone
Camera to take you to
website to pay online**



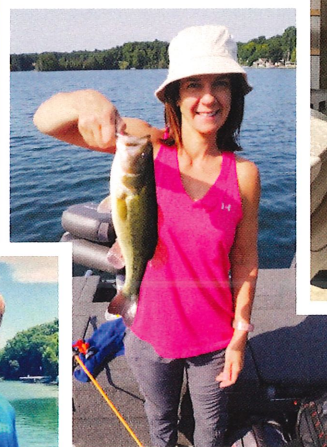
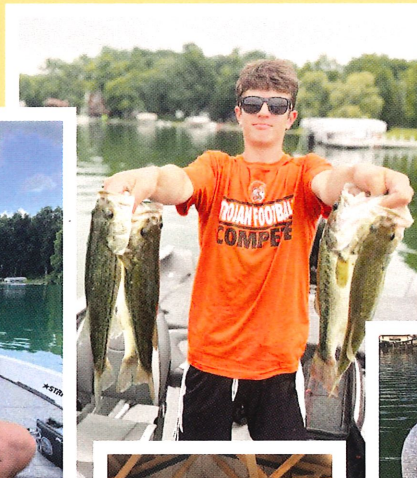
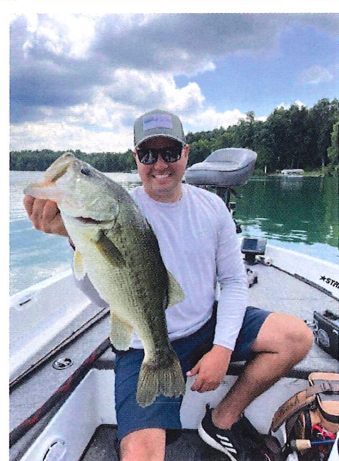


2022 Fishing Contest Winners

Contest runs JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31



Name	Species	Size	Date
Robert Cisler	Walleye	26.75"	6/11/2022
Greg Clarke	Perch	9.5"	6/26/2022
Simon Wolters	Largemouth Bass	21"	7/4/2022
Jonas Mulder	Largemouth Bass	21"	8/31/2022
Simon Wolters	Sunfish	10"	7/4/2022
Drew Nichols	Bullhead	14"	7/22/2022
Bob Cisler	Northern Pike	30.75"	8/27/2022
Richard Overmire	Smallmouth Bass	18.5"	8/24/2022
Jared Oatley	Crappie	12"	5/29/2022
Dale Deyoung	Gar Pike	42"	9/1/2022



2023 Fishing Contest:

FISHING CONTEST CONTACT:

Mike Moerman

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

REMEMBER TO SEND MIKE YOUR PICTURES!

**Mark Your
Calendar!**

2023 Save The Dates

Saturday

July 1

2:00 PM

Boat Parade

2023 THEME:

Patriotic or get creative with your own theme (use discretion) Meet In Turtle Cove.



Saturday

July 1

10:15 PM

Fireworks



Saturday

August 5

2:00-5:00PM

YMCA Camp Day

*Previously
Camp Picnic*

Check-in on the beach or at the lodge for your waiver and wristbands. See back page for details.



Saturday

August 19

Time TBD

Poker / Paddle Run & Venetian Boat Parade

Check website for updates!



Saturday

Sept. 9

9:00 AM

Association Summer Meeting

Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 N Briggs Rd

Saturday

May 18

9:00 AM

2024 Association Spring Meeting

Next Spring's Meeting Date

Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 N Briggs Rd

Check barlowlakemi.com for updates



SEASONS on the lake



Be Courteous Please!



1 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.



2 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.

2022 water report is on the website!

The data in the reports show the overall nutrient levels of the lake seem to be increasing slightly over time. This effects plant and fish life as well as algae growth.

Visit barlowlakemi.com for full report.

Come Play Bunco! Starts in the Fall



Bunco is one of the new community events the Barlow Lake women have been introduced to this past year. Bunco is a dice game that takes no skill or strategy. If you can roll dice, you can play Bunco.

This past year the Y-camp has graciously offered a room where we could play Bunco once a month. New friends were made, we shared snacks and ton of laughs. And some people were lucky enough to go home with some pretty cool prizes. Thanks Joan Lutke for organizing this!

If you didn't get a chance to play with us this past year, we hope you can make it this fall when we start up again.

Stay turned to the Barlow Lake Residence Facebook page for all new information on when, where, and what time.



New SAFETY Buoys

There is a new Buoy at Cislers Point between the shore and the current buoy to deter people from going through the shallow rocky area.

The Buoy at the Camp narrows came loose and has been replaced. All are there to exercise caution.

Thank you Roger Offringa!

2023 BOAT PARADE

Theme: Patriotic Or Get Creative!

Saturday, July 1 • 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

to register your boat with name, phone number with an approximate number of children participating for goodie bags for kids 12 & under. Joan will give you more information.

RSVP by June 24, 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.

LEGEND OF OLD MAN BARLOW

YMCA CAMP VERSION

*The YMCA camp legend of Old Man Barlow- a scary camp story
told to the older camp kids by the fire*

It was exactly one hundred years ago this year, during the harsh winter, with the lake frozen over very thick. Back then the lake was surrounded by thick forests. None of the cottages you see through the trees were there. On the other side of the lake lived a man by the name of Nathaniel Barlow. Barlow was a mean, nasty sort of man, He didn't have any friends or family, or at least no friends or family who would admit so.

During this winter, one hundred years ago this year, Bowen's Mill offered Nathaniel Barlow a bonus of \$500 if he would get a load of logs to them by 5:00 pm that day. He loaded up his Clydesdale horses after he cut the wood and realized he wouldn't make it on time, so he decided to go across the lake with the load because of his greed.

When the ice cracked, Old Man Barlow and his load and team of horses went through the ice. No one missed him, that is, until springtime one hundred years ago this very year, when some of the first boy scouts and their fathers were camping on the north side of the lake with their dogs. The dogs were woken and started barking one night and when the fathers went to check them, all they saw was the chains and a seaweed trail to the lake.

The next year the same thing happened, and the boys went missing. One day a wise old Indian said to the sheriff, "Sheriff, I know what happened to those boys. You see when Old Man Barlow fell through the ice he didn't really die. He got captured underneath the ice."

Old Man Barlow could not find the original hole he fell through. But he did find a pocket of air underneath the ice." The greatly worried sheriff asked, "What can we do? What can we do to make sure Old Man Barlow does not hurt anyone ever again?" The old Chippewa Indian responded, "Sheriff, leave it to me."

Now, exactly what the wise Indian did is lost to history. He did not have a Facebook page. The Indian performed some sort of ancient ceremony on the far side of the lake, just about where you might be able to see the light green trees near a dock, in about four feet of water in Burkholder Bay. You can still see the grave under the water today. About eight feet by four feet piled with rocks. The Indian had explained to the sheriff, "You see sheriff, I can capture the evil spirit of Old Man Barlow in that grave. But there is one catch -- if someone takes a rock, moves a rock, or perhaps even touches a rock, that will release the spirit of Old Man Barlow and he will come after that person and everyone in their cabin." Now it's perfectly safe for you to kayak or canoe over that grave. But if you do, please do not reach down and touch a rock, or move a rock with your paddle, or please, please do not get out of your kayak and take a rock.

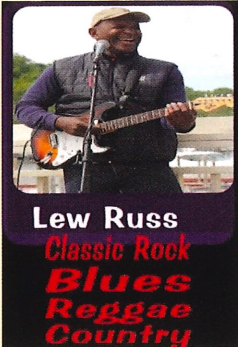
And that's the story of Old Man Barlow, one hundred years ago this very year.

This fictional story was recorded by David McWatters January, 2017.



Back by popular demand!

Y Camp Day - August 5th (previously Camp Picnic)



We will have Lew Russ again performing live music on the beach from 2-4pm and use of water toys, Climbing wall, zip line, archery and slushies, chips and cookies!

Come hang out and explore the YMCA camp. Check-in on the beach or at the lodge for your waiver and wristbands.

If you would like to support our YMCA camp, here is how you can:



Camp gives all children a safe place to learn and grow.

YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin is celebrating its 110th summer on the shore of Ol' Lake Barlow, providing the nurturing, positive role models kids need to develop into strong adults. We are proud to be your neighbors on the lake and appreciate your support in ensuring access to camp.

HELP MORE
KIDS **GET
TO CAMP!**



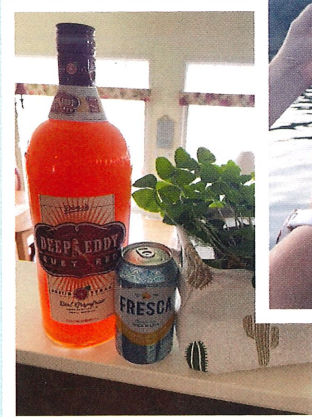
YMCA CAMP MANITOU-LIN
888.909.2267 | grymcacml.org

RECIPE

Barlow Sipper

- Fill a 12 oz Yeti or mason jar with ice
- 3 oz Deep Eddy's Grapefruit Vodka
- Juice of 1/4 to 1/2 lime
- Top with Fresca and lime slices

Enjoy!



BOWEN MILLS CHAPEL

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.

Air Conditioned
Worship
10AM

2023

May	28	Rev. Paul Mpindi	Pam & Kathy Corbin
June	4	Rev. Jeff Sajdak	Nancy Crumback
June	11	Pastor John DeKruyter	Holly Baar & Maddy Offringa
June	18	Rev. Stan Mast	Joanna Boelema
June	25	Rev. Dan Stouten	Bowens Mills Choir
July	2	Rev. Paul Mpindi	Luke DeVries
July	9	Rev. Rick Tigchon	Nancy Crumback
July	9	Sunday Night Social Hymn Sing @ 6PM	Nancy Crumback
July	16	Pastor Mark Bergsma	Sue VanderLaan
July	23	Rev. Matt Tuininga	Katie DeVries
July	30	Rev. Matt Tuininga	Todd Wilkie
August	6	Rev. David Bast	Bowen Mills Children's Choir
August	13	Rev. Jeff Weima	TBA
August	20	Pastor Daryl Crawford	TBA
August	27	Rev. Jeff Weima	TBA
September	4	Rev. Paul Fazio	Bowens Mills Choir



Special Event!

Sunday Night Social ~ July 9th ~ 6PM
Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

CONTACT US: bowenmillschapel.org

11675 Bowens Mill Road,
Middleville, MI 49333