



# Guthrie Lakes LYRICS

December 2012

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## Reduced Dues Date Moved Earlier

The date for getting the reduced dues rate has been moved up to February 14th from the previous March 1st date. This change was approved by the EFPOA Board of Directors at their last meeting on December 1st and will help EFPOA's cash flow challenges as we enter our new budget year. To get the reduced rate of \$280, the check for the full amount must be post marked by February 14th, 2013. After this date, the dues rate returns to the full rate of \$340 and can be paid as one payment by March 1st or in two payments of \$170 due March 1 and Sept. 1, 2013. For questions, contact Chris Dorsten, Treasurer (989.732.7467). Please note also that monthly dues payments will NOT be allowed beginning with this next dues cycle. This change was approved by the EFPOA Board at their Sept. 29th meeting. The Treasurer has also announced that we will no longer accept cash payments for dues. Checks or money orders are all that is accepted; the Board is looking in to PayPal and other options for the future.

## Holiday Events at the Club House this Year

*Submitted by the Activities Committee*

Sat. Dec. 8th - 10 AM - Pancake Breakfast

Sat. Dec. 8th - 1 to 4 PM - Ladies Christmas Crafts & Christmas Card Addressing

Sun. Dec. 9th - 1:30 to 3:30 PM - Cookie Exchange (bring 3 dozen)

Tues. Dec. 11th - 5 PM - Kids Christmas Crafts

Wed. Dec. 12th - 5:30 PM - Family Movie Night, Hot Dogs & Chips

Sat. Dec. 15th - Lunch with Santa - 1 PM (pre-register at Club House)

Sun. Dec. 16th - 1:30 PM - Announce Winner of House Christmas Decoration Contest

Tues. Dec. 18th - Old Fashioned Caroling w/ Hot Cocoa  
(Time to be announced)

Mon. Dec. 31st - 9 PM to 1 AM - Black & White New Years Eve Party  
Advanced tickets required for \$10; sign up by Wed. Dec. 26th.

See page 5 for other events scheduled from January through June 2013.

Please see Recycle Ideas on page 6.

## From the President



By Max Grider

**Season's Greetings** - On behalf of the EFPOA Board of Directors and Managers, I'd like to offer you our Season's Greetings. We wish you good health, peace and prosperity. Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukah, we hope this holiday season will be a memorable one for you and your family. We hope you will use this season to reflect on your blessings and to renew your hopes and dreams. May 2013 be your family's best year ever!

**Al Gamicchia** - Some of you who don't live up here may not have heard the news yet that EFPOA lost a good citizen last month when board member Al Gamicchia passed away. Al was a good neighbor and loved Guthrie Lakes. He served several terms on the board and was vice president of a previous board. Al's devotion to improving EFPOA will be missed. If you haven't done so already, please offer your condolences and a helping hand to Al's wife, Gail. There is a memorial to Al on the EFPOA website and a toasting to Al is scheduled for January 12, 2013, his birthday.

**Board vacancy** - The board had a vacancy due to Al's untimely passing. At the December 1 meeting, the board voted to have Mr. Ron LeBourdais complete the final seven month's of Al's term. Ron has owned property in Enchanted Forest for many years. He and his wife Mary Kay are full-time residents. Ron has donated many hours of his time to improve the electricity and lighting at our clubhouse. He's level-headed, honest and fair.

**Committee vacancies** - The chairs of several committees have asked for volunteers who are willing to serve. Tony Esson needs volunteers for the Deeded Restrictions Committee. Brian Wilson needs volunteers for the Rules and Regulations and By-Laws Committees. George Leinerth needs volunteers for the Building and Grounds Committee. Matthew Mogle needs volunteers for the Security Committee. EFPOA is a better place for all its residents when people see a need and volunteer to help. Please be a "giver" during this holiday season and volunteer to serve on one of EFPOA's committees.

**The Lyric** - This is the last "regular" edition of *The Lyric* that will be sent out by mail to all of our property owners. Editions that publish elections will continue to be sent out in the spring of each year. In a cost-cutting move, the board has voted to try an online version that will be posted on the EFPOA website [www.efpoa.com](http://www.efpoa.com). There will be a downloadable version of it available in the future on the website for those who prefer to read a hard copy. Members with an email on file with the EFPOA will receive a copy as an email attachment. The board also agreed to make exceptions for those who do not have internet access. If you fall into that category, please notify the EFPOA manager in writing, and we will continue to mail you a copy.

**Dues delinquent property owners** - At the last board meeting, the board voted to enforce a long-standing rule that property owners who are delinquent on their dues are not permitted to use EFPOA amenities. The board clarified the meaning of "delinquent" to include those owners who are behind on their dues but are still making payments. The EFPOA will continue to honor terms and conditions on previous EFPOA Board approved payment agreement form previously accepted.

**Small Claims** - The board has directed the manager to begin an aggressive effort to collect delinquent accounts. Beginning in 2013, our manager will start filing papers in Small Claims Court to collect arrearages. In Small Claims Court, the magistrate can authorize the garnishment of wages or bank accounts to settle unpaid dues.

If you are delinquent, please make immediate arrangements with the manager or treasurer to take care of your obligation. Failure to do so may result in your being taken to court.

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*"We wish  
you good  
health,  
peace and  
prosperity in  
2013!"*

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**Finances** - At the December 1 meeting, the board considered options to get EFPOA out of its current cash crisis. Options included taking out a new mortgage, offering notes to property owners, curtailing expenditures, and cutting or eliminating the discount for early payment in full.

After considerable debate and plenty of input from property owners, the board decided not to reduce the discount for early payment for 2013. That option remains on the table for future years.

However the board did shorten the early payment period to February 14. If you wish to receive the discount on your property or properties, your payment in full **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 14, 2013**.

The president and treasurer were directed by the board to investigate a mortgage that would cover the outlays made for repairs and improvements in 2011 and 2012 as well as potential costs of still pending improvements such as carpet replacement and completion of the siding project.

Obtaining a mortgage that covers those past expenses and possible future ones would allow EFPOA to replenish its cash on hand. The bank account was depleted when the board elected to pay cash rather than borrow for the improvements in 2011 and 2012.

Last year EFPOA ran a \$65,000 deficit. This year, it will be about \$50,000. For the past two years, we've operated for four or five months at the end of each year on a line of credit. Without the cash outlays for improvements, EFPOA would have had a very modest positive cash flow for 2011 and 2012.

I do want to make clear the reasons EFPOA finds itself in this cash-strapped situation:

1. There was a lingering legal situation that went on for about 8 years and cost over \$50,000.
2. Expensive repairs and maintenance had to be done, including the roof, the pool, removal of the fireplace pit, and the rear siding in 2011; and the boat ramp, electrical and painting in 2012. These repairs and improvements totaled more than \$105,000.

EFPOA's boards historically have been frugal. But eventually a time comes when projects cannot be postponed. That was the case in 2011 with the crumbling pool and leaking clubhouse roof; it was the case in 2012 with the Legend Park boat ramp. Presently the clubhouse has siding that is literally rotting away in places. And it has no insulation in the basement ceiling.

There is no simple answer to how we alleviate the cash flow situation. The line of credit, in my opinion, has been a band-aid approach. Alternatives are a special assessment, elimination of the early payment discount, or a mortgage. At this time, it appears most board members favor the mortgage option.

**Boat Ramp** - The board promised boaters in 2011 that the boat ramp would be priority #1 in 2012. It took longer than anticipated to get the permit approved and the contractor out here to do the job, but it's finally done and looks good.

**Lots available** - If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a part of our community, please let them know that EFPOA has several lots available for purchase. We have not placed a set price on these lots but will consider any reasonable offer. The idea is to convert these lots into dues generating properties.

## Join a Committee? Here's How!

By Polly Buchanan, Communications Chair

EFPOA has 11 Standing Committees that give guidance to the Board and help make decisions on how we maintain and operate our community. We encourage residents to volunteer for a committee or two to contribute their knowledge and expertise to the betterment of Gutherie Lakes. Below are a list of Committees, the purpose of each, the committee chair, and how to contact them to find out when the committee meets.

- Activities Committee - (Needs members of all ages!)  
Purpose: Determine, schedule and help implement social activities desired by residents & owners. Chair: Val Holman (989.732.1942 or valarieholman@yahoo.com)
- Budget & Finance Committee -  
Purpose: Propose a budget plan to the Board each year.  
Chair: Chris Dorsten, Treasurer (cdorsten@hotmail.com or Ph: 989.732.7467)
- Buildings and Grounds Committee -  
Purpose: Preserve the current Association assets and new construction projects.  
Chair: George Lienerth (gliengc@aol.com or Ph: 989.732.0306)
- Bylaws, Rules & Regulations Committee - (Needs members!)  
Purpose: Monitor current status and needed revisions; oversee procedures for updating.  
Chair: Brian Wilson (bdrewwilson@att.net or Ph: 989.731.9829)
- Communication Committee -  
Purpose: Keep residents and owners informed by distributing needed information effectively.  
Chair: Polly Buchanan, Secretary (pbuchanan@emich.edu or Ph: 989.705.7101)
- Deeded Restrictions Committee - (Needs members!)  
Purpose: Investigate possible options and strategies to renew these regulations.  
Chair: Tony Esson (tony@anthonyessonarchitect.com or Ph: 989.350.1827)
- Election Committee -  
Purpose: Implement established election guidelines annually as directed by the Board.  
Chair: TBA
- Employee Relations Committee -  
Purpose: Act as liaison between the Board, the Manager(s) & other employees as needed for the effective operation of Gutherie Lakes.  
Chair: Fred Novack, Vice President (novackbf@att.net or Ph: 248.623.2950)
- Military/Government Relations Committee -  
Purpose: Represent residents & property owners in activities related to the Military & Camp Grayling  
Chair: Matt Mogle (moglematthew@gmail.com or Ph: 906.280.7759)
- Natural Gas Committee -  
Purpose: Represent current & prospective natural gas customers in an effort to have natural gas access in Gutherie Lakes  
Chair: Ron LeBourdais (rlebourd@live.com or Ph: 989.732.0730)
- Security Committee -  
Purpose: Oversee all aspects of property and resident security in Gutherie Lakes.  
Chair: Matt Mogle (moglematthew@gmail.com or Ph: 906.280.7759)

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*Need a location for a family or social event?  
Rent the Club House **during regularly closed hours** "for costs"; see Bob or Val Holman for details.*

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FYI...  
In case you were wondering who was paying for the recent dredging being done on the Legend channel, the cost of this was completely covered by the residents who live along the channel. No EFPOA funds were used to clear out the sand that had filled in over the past 8 years making it difficult to get in or out of that part of the lake.

### Activities Committee Calendar of Events - January 2013 through June 2013

Keep your eye on the calendar at Our website at [www.efpoa.com](http://www.efpoa.com) for more details on these events, or for changes that may occur. We hope you will join us for these events and get to know your neighbors better here in Gutherie Lakes.

JANUARY	Wed.	9th at 6:30 pm	Family Board Game Night
	Sat.	12th at 10 am	Pancake Breakfast
	Fri.	18th at 5:30 pm	Winter Grillfest and Potluck
	Wed.	23rd at 5:30 pm	Family Movie Night (Dogs and Chips)
FEBRUARY	Sun.	3rd at TBD	Super Bowl Sunday Best Chili Cook-off Contest
	Sat.	9th at 10 am	Pancake Breakfast
	Wed.	13th at 5:30 pm	Family Movie Night (Dogs and Chips)
	TBA		Chinese New Year Celebration
MARCH	Sat.	9th at 10 am	Pancake Breakfast
	Sun.	17th at TBD	St. Patrick's Party
	Sat.	23rd at TBD	Easter Egg Hunt
	Wed.	27th at 5:30 pm	Family Movie Night (Dogs and Chips)
APRIL	Sat.	13th at 10 am	Pancake Breakfast
	Wed.	17th at 5:30 pm	Family Movie Night (Dogs and Chips)
	Fri.	19th at 5:30 pm	Potluck
	Sat.	27th at TBD	Kids Crafts...for Mother's Day
MAY	Sun.	5th at Noon-4 pm	Cinco de Mayo Taco/Nacho Party
	Sat.	11th at 10 am	Pancake Breakfast
	Sun.	12th at TBD	Mother's Day Lite Luncheon
	Wed.	22nd at 5:30 pm	Family Movie Night (Dogs and Chips)
	Mon.	27th at TBD	Memorial Service, then doughnuts & coffee
JUNE	Fri.	7th at TBD	Kids Last Day of School Party
	Sat.	8th at 10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast
	Fri.	14th at 5:30 pm	Flag Day Evening Patriotic Potluck
	Sun.	16th at TBD	Father's Day Slopping Joe Lunch
	Wed.	19th at 5:30 pm	Family Movie Night (Dogs and Chips)
	Wed.	26th at 5:30 pm	Potluck



## Free Places to Recycle...in Alpha Order by Product

By Polly Buchanan

With the recent passage of the recycling millage, our county will soon have five 24-hour drop off sites available to residents. We've heard one will be close to Waters! The county hopes to have these operational by this spring. In the mean time, for those of us who like to help the environment and "live green", here are some reminders about where and how you can recycle between now and spring at no cost...for FREE! (PS - We heard that Goodwill is NOT taking recyclable items anymore.)

### Batteries - (AA, AAA, D and car batteries)

Location: Auto Value in Gaylord, 1789 S. Otsego Ave, Gaylord (Sort of across the street from Gaylord Ford Lincoln dealer) 989.732.2365

Location: Grayling Charter Township Recycling Center (*currently they do not check if you live in Crawford County*) 4670 North Down River Road, Grayling (at Exit #256). HOURS open: Tues & Thurs 2 - 7 pm, Sat. 9-4, Sun 12N to 5 pm.

### Cartridges (Used inkjet or laser)

Location: St. Mary Cathedral School, 321 N. Otsego, Gaylord (just north of Mitchell) Go in main entrance to office on left. 989.732.5801

Location: OfficeMax on 32 west of Gaylord across from Meijers.

### Cell Phones

Location: Otsego County Sherriff's Office, 225 W. Main St, Gaylord. Drop off at their front desk, open 24-7. Given free to senior citizens for the 911 function. 989.732.3555

### Eye Glasses

Locations: Lions Clubs collections boxes are located at Walmart (outside eye center), New Vision (by the closed Carter store on Old27, Gaylord Eye Care (in Glen's parking lot) & at the Otsego Library.

### Fluorescent Bulbs (Compact)

Location: Lowe's and Home Depot in Gaylord have a bin inside the door at their Returns Desk.

Location: Great Lakes Energy, on North side of Marlette Rd, before you get to the DJ - IGA in Waters.

Fluorescent Bulbs (long tubes) - Home Depot in bin inside the door at their Returns Desk.

Glass - No One accepts glass for free at this time.

### Medications (unwanted/out-of-date pills or capsules)

Location: Otsego County Sherriff's Office facing Pavilion on west side of Farmer's Market. Open 24-7.

### Metal Cans (aluminum & tin, clean & no labels)

Location: St. Mary Cathedral School, across the street from 310 N. Otsego, Gaylord (just north of Mitchell; blue dumpster between elementary & high school, ONLY throw in clean cans, NO bags.)

Location: American Waste - Arrow Sanitation, 254 Little League Dr, Gaylord (East of Gaylord on 32 about a mile, then turn right) Yellow Container across from Office; accepts tin & aluminum cans free, NO paint or aerosol cans. Hours: M-F 9 am to 4:30 pm, Sat. 9 - Noon, 989.732.4243

### Newspapers - (bundled or in brown paper bags)

Location: Lions Club open semi-trailer, 931 S. Otsego Ave (across parking lot from new Salvation Army store, and across the street from new Dollar General Store) 989.732.2559

Location: Crossroads Industries, 2464 Silver Fox Trail, Gaylord - 989.732.1233, Flattened cardboard, newspapers & magazines; hours: M-F 8 am to 4 pm. Located off Milbacker, 1.5 miles west of Dickerson; turn right (north) on Wolverine, then go .5 miles to end of road to 2464 Silver Fox Trail.

### Plastics - Bags - (Grocery & bread bags; clean/dry)

Location: Meijer, Wal-Mart have a collection bin; at Save-A-Lot, put bags on long counter left of door.

### Plastics - Bottles and Containers - (clean, no caps)

Location: Grayling Charter Township Recycling Center (*currently they don't check if you live in Crawford County*) 4670 North Down River Road, Grayling (Exit #256). HOURS OPEN: Tues & Thurs 2 - 7 pm, Sat. 9-4, Sun 12N to 5 pm. Located just west of I75, north side of road; see sign on chain link fence just west of baseball field. Toot your horn at the garage door, drive in to garage; they will unload from your trunk; great service!! 989.348.3195

**NOTE:** Besides Plastics #1, #2 and milk jugs, they also accept newspapers (+ phone books, & catalogs), flattened cardboard, rinsed tin & aluminum cans (no labels), styrofoam, egg cartons, meat trays, auto & AAA batteries, brush & trees <6" diameter). For details see: <http://www.crawfordco.org/misc/recycle.htm>

### Televisions, Computers, Monitors, FAX Machines

Location: A2Z Resale Shop, 1829 S. Otsego Ave, Gaylord... sort of across from the Ford Dealer. Open 9 - 6 pm. Phone: 989.732.9500

**For a more complete list, go online at EFPOA web site: [www.efpoa.com](http://www.efpoa.com). This list will continue to be updated as new locations for recycling are identified.**