

Howell Point Picnic Saturday, July 30th

The annual Pot-Luck Picnic for members and guests is scheduled for Saturday, July 30th, beginning at 4:00 pm. Fried chicken from Porky's along with pop and water will be provided.

- If your last name begins with **A thru N**, please bring a **pot-luck side dish to share**.
- If your last name begins with **O thru Z**, please bring a **favorite picnic dessert to share**.

Bring plates and table service for your family and guests, lawn chairs, and maybe a blanket, too.

A rain decision will be made no later than 2 pm to postpone until Sunday at 1 pm (or, if necessary, cancel entirely). If this becomes necessary, a message will be posted on the bulletin board and an email will be sent notifying everyone of the change in plans.



Howell Point ASSOCIATION



mark your calendar:

- Boat Owners Meeting at the Park Saturday, May 28th @ 9:30 am
- Howell Point Annual Meeting at the Park Saturday, May 28th @ 9:00 am
- Diamond Lake Association Annual Meeting at the Yacht Club Saturday, June 25th @ 10:30 am
- Diamond Lake Fireworks Saturday, July 2nd @ 10:30 pm (Rain/Wind date: Sunday, July 3rd)
- 2022 Diamond Lake Triathlon Cancelled
- Howell Point Potluck/Picnic at Howell Point Park & Willow Beach Saturday, July 30th @ 4:00 pm
- Cass County Fair July 30th thru August 6th
- Pier Removal Begins Monday, October 10th (All boats and mooring posts must be removed no later than Sunday, October 9th)

Important Reminder: caring for our sewer system

The system around Diamond Lake is now on borrowed time. It was installed 28 years ago, with an expected useful life of 20 years.

So please follow these simple rules:

- Only flush the 3 P's – Pee, Poop, and Toilet Paper
- Wipes Clog Pipes – while the package may say it's "flushable," it isn't.

Visit the Diamond Lake Association website for more information.

useful links:

- Diamond Lake Association: www.dlacassopolis.org/
- Cass County: www.casscountymi.org
- Cass County Sheriff: 269-445-2481 www.casscountymi.org/1209/Sheriffs-Office
- Village of Cassopolis: <https://cassopolis-mi.us>
- Penn Township: www.casscountymi.org/1273/Penn-Township
- Michigan Lake and Stream Associations: www.mymlsa.org
- MSU Extension Land and Water Program: www.shoreline.msu.edu
- Cass County Animal Control: 269-445-3701

Attention all Howell Point Members! We need your support and vote!

PLEASE take the time to attend our 2022 Annual Meeting Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 am in the Park. We will be electing the President, Treasurer, and Secretary positions for 2022-23. All three are one-year terms. In addition, we will be electing two Trustees to 4-year terms. Nominations for these positions will be taken and voted upon at the meeting.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

— YOUR HOWELL POINT BOARD

The production and printing of this newsletter has been generously donated by our lake side neighbors, Chris and Lori Stanicek. Thank you!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.howellpoint.org

We are all lucky to be able to spend great times here at beautiful Diamond Lake. Show your pride in living here by caring for our neighborhood, our wonderful park and our lake – the jewel of Southwest Michigan.

Important Announcements:

Traffic Safety:



Please slow down and enjoy your time at the lake. While Howell Drive is a nice, straight stretch past the Park, it also has a lot of kids and pedestrians crossing the street into the Park. **25 mph please!**

Neighborhood Watch:

We've heard of increasing incidents of car break-ins and other problems. If you see something, say something! Don't hesitate to call the Cass County Sheriff's Office at **269-445-2481**, or **911**. Also, you can report a concern by going to the Sheriff's website at www.ccsso.info.



Many of us rely on our cell phones here at the lake, with no land line. Smart 911 allows you to create a Safety Profile at www.smart911.com for your household that includes any information you want 911 operators and response teams to have in the event of an emergency. Cass County now participates in Smart 911. When you make an emergency call your Safety Profile is automatically displayed to the 911 operator in the Sheriff's office. Learn more and sign up by visiting www.smart911.com.

annual dues

\$75 Boater deadline: April 1st
Non-Boater deadline: May 1st

How do we utilize your payment?

- Park lawn care
- Park trash service
- Picnic tables & lawn furniture
- Park and entrance lights
- Park upgrades and maintenance
- Maintenance of swimming area
- Liability Insurance
- Annual Neighborhood Picnic

Please send your payment to:
(Please include your current e-mail address with your payment)
Howell Point Association
C/O Sue Zimmer
61256 Putnam Road
Cassopolis, Michigan 49031
(Remit payment with enclosed pull-out)

Help Wanted! Howell Point Needs a New Treasurer

Sue Zimmer has announced her intention retire from the position of Treasurer of the Howell Point Association immediately following our Annual Meeting on May 28, 2022. She has served as our Treasurer since the Annual Meeting held June 30, 1991 – 31 years! She also served as Secretary for 29 of those years, until Marianne Trotter stepped into that role to give Sue some much-needed help.

We need someone – maybe YOU – to volunteer to take on the responsibilities of this important position. Ideally an Association member who lives full-time at Howell Point will volunteer to take on this critical job. It isn't difficult, but it does require careful record keeping of dues payments and bills paid. Sue has promised to help the new Treasurer learn the ropes during a transition from her term of office.

Howell Point owes Sue a very big debt of gratitude for her many years serving as Treasurer. She applied her expertise developed working in the finance department of the Ed Lowe Foundation to make sure our limited resources have been used wisely to keep the Park and Howell Point in great shape.

THANK YOU, SUE!!

Thinking of Building?

Howell Point is a Deed Restricted community.

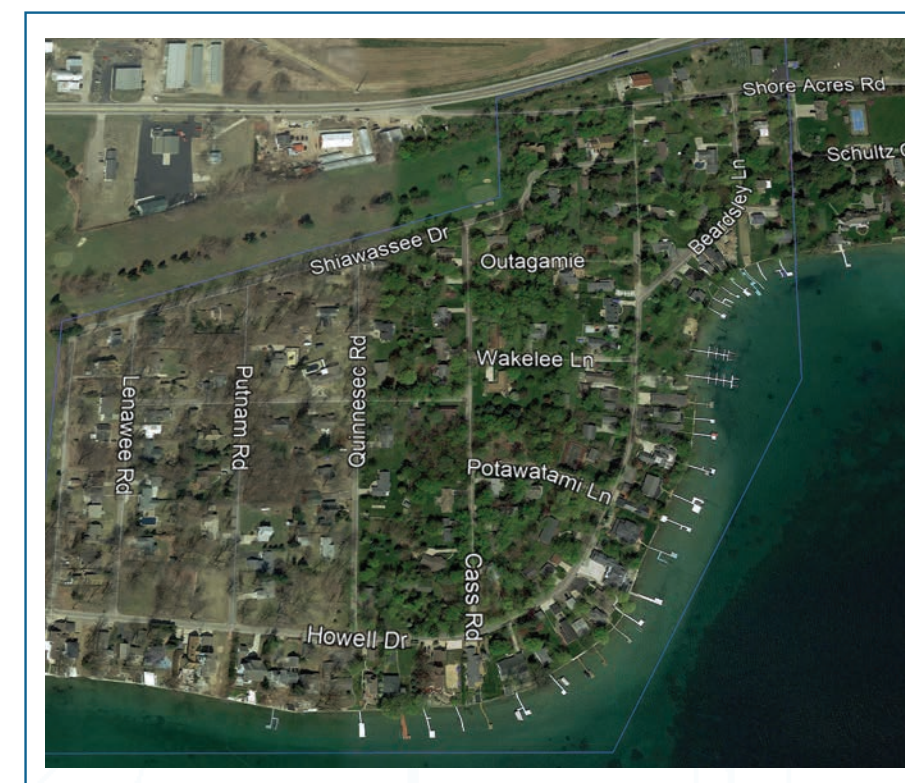
This means there are rules we all need to follow when building a new home, an addition, or any free-standing garages or storage buildings. The Deed Restrictions are posted on our website. They are legally binding and are part of the title to your property. Primarily, they call for new homes, additions, and out-buildings to have a residential appearance that blends in with the other buildings in Howell Point.

To avoid any misunderstandings and unnecessary expense, it is best to discuss your plan concepts before developing construction drawings. And remember to provide drawings of your project to the Howell Point Board for its review and approval before submitting them to Penn Township for a building permit or starting construction.

Of course, your plans must conform to the Penn Township building codes and ordinances, as well as to the Howell Point Deed Restrictions.

Please keep our Deed Restrictions in mind when you're planning a project. Thank you for your cooperation.

A bird's eye view of Howell Point



Here is an aerial view of Howell Point taken from Google Earth. Our community encompasses all of the lake front properties along Howell Drive and Beardsley Lane on the south and east, and includes all of the homes within the area bounded on the west and north by Golf Lane and Shiawassee Drive, along with a few properties on the north side of Shore Acres Road.

Howell Point Association Board of Trustees:

OFFICE	ELECTION CYCLE	CURRENTLY
President	1 Year	Pete Trotter
Treasurer	1 Year	Sue Zimmer
Secretary	1 Year	Marianne Trotter
Board Members	4 Years	Bill Barker, Charlie Brown, Rosanne Byrne, Jerry Droppo, Joe Scharnak, & Wayne Vandermeer

Volunteers Welcome!

Your mother probably told you this... **Many hands make light work!** The same holds true for Howell Point Park. If you can help out with some of our activities your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Opportunities abound to help keep the park looking good, and we can use some extra hands for the Annual Pot-Luck Picnic with setting up, taking down, and helping with the kids' activities. See something you'd like to see improved – or fixed – let us know and pitch in to give us a hand.