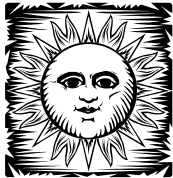


EAGLE LAKE TEXAS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



June 2004



Summer is here!



We have officially launched our website to better communicate with you. We hope you find this a beneficial resource. Please take time to check it out. We have enclosed a couple items for you. A chip clip with your ELTA web address and a trash bag for your vehicle for a summer trip you may be planning.

Website contains:

- Information on your ELTA volunteer board members and contact information
- ELTA bylaws
- Current and past newsletters
- Detailed information on the Special Assessment, including budget and expense numbers and program details for the pump and weeds

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IT'S Summer and TIME TO BE OUTDOORS!

- Please respect your neighbors and your neighborhood.
- When its not posted, speed limits in residential neighborhoods like ours is 25 miles per hour.
- We all like pets so let's remember that county ordinances require that dogs not on their owners property must be on a leash.
- JULY 4th parade reminder: Meet in the center of the big lake at 2:00PM on Sunday, July 4th to form the parade around Eagle Lake.

ELTA BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Lefler
Scott Sylvester
John Ruswinckel

Tracy Hageman
Chris Schneider
Doug Heystek

If you are interested in volunteering for our board of directors, please plan on attending our annual meeting
JULY 20, 7:00PM Texas Township Hall

Special Assessment Update

On May 10, 2004, the Texas Township board approved the renewal of our Eagle Lake Special Assessment to operate and maintain the pump and control the weeds. The board approved the renewal with a 3 year term. The initial program was setup for 7 years. There was a couple of people opposing the assessment at the meeting. This seemed to influence the Texas Township board's decision in the renewal term.

What does a shorter renewal mean? Is the program in jeopardy?

The shorter term means we will have to seek renewal again in 3 years. This does increase the cost in the first year of any renewal. Texas Township charges us for additional mailings and public hearing notices.

We still have overwhelming support for this program and the renewal in 3 years should not be a problem. At that time we would request a longer renewal period such as the original 7 years. It is important for you to let your township officials know how much you appreciate the program.

How can I let my township officials know I appreciate the program?

- You can attend the June 28, 2004, 7:00 PM Texas Township meeting in which they will approve our 2005 budget.
- You can write the township a letter to Public Comments, Texas Township, 7110 W. Q Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
- You can go to their website at www.texastownship.org and send comments by clicking on Contact Us

Your ELTA volunteer board will be attending the meeting at the township hall on June 28 and will be available for any questions following this meeting in the parking lot.

Benefits of the special assessment (detailed on your ELTA website)

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- Funds weed control programs, especially the invasive milfoil plant that is not native to Michigan lakes. We have a very shallow lake. Prior to the assessment weed growth reached the surface of more than 50% of the lake. Weeds washed up on beaches on most of the lake in such large quantities that it was not uncommon to see raked piles of weeds on beaches 2 feet high and every 6 feet.
- Pays for the electricity to run the pump. Enclosed is a short article from 1969, we think you will find very interesting.
- Keeps the pump operational through maintenance and improvements.
- Maintains and increases your property values. Eagle Lake is a popular area in Texas Township.