

Spring 2016

Diamond Island members:

We hope that everyone is enjoying their winter season. With a mild winter in Michigan, the 2016 barge opening is "tentatively" scheduled for April 15, 2016. Barge operation will begin at Noon.

Towards the end of the 2015 season several holes in the barge, some old and some newer, made it unsafe to store the barge for the winter without welding or patching these holes. A majority of the homeowners voted and approved to make the necessary repairs. The barge was removed from the water via crane in early December. The project has been completed and the barge is back in the water. The cost of this project was \$22,780. This project was completed under the approved budget.

After long consideration, the board has determined it is necessary to increase the 2016 membership dues. The cost per homeowner will be **\$650**. This will include 1 vehicle window sticker and coverage of standard recurring operating expenses. Members owning two homes, your cost for the 2nd home is now \$300. This does NOT include a vehicle window sticker. In order to have current revenues cover current expenses, it is necessary to increase the membership dues. The board has worked hard every year to find reductions in our outgoing expenses. It has been almost 10 seasons since we have had to raise our association dues.

The board is working on forming a committee for a barge "replacement plan." We hope the recent repairs will keep the barge functioning for several years. We want to be pro-active so everyone can enjoy and have access to their summer homes. As the board continues to work on this plan, we will discuss our progress at our Summer island meeting. Anyone interested in joining the committee may contact Gary Gries.

Phil Bottger, president of the Diamond Island Land Corp. (center of the island) requested that we include information from the DIL Corp. about the center island to all homeowners. DIL is a separate entity from Diamond Island Association.

Please go to our website www.diamond-island.com to review the Barge hours. We did NOT make any changes for the 2016 Season regarding the hours of operation.

Enjoy the rest of your winter and see you all in the Spring!

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