

Loch Alpine Lore

May 2006



Calendar of Events

Loch Alpine Events	
May 6	Spring Fling 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
May 13	Clean Up Day 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
May 20	Loch Alpine Annual Yard Sale 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
April 30, May 7 & May 21	Manners & Courtesy Classes for Kids at AACC (registration required)
Dexter Library Events	
April 29	Spring on the Farm with Margaret Schmidt
May 20	Birds of Prey exhibit by Howell Nature Center 11:00 a.m.
June 5	Summer Story Time registration begins
June 17	Summer Reading program begins

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Loch Alpine Winterfest

Global warming Style

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Has Global warming come to Loch Alpine? That's a question that Winterfest founding father, John Murphy must have asked himself as he monitored the LA lakes throughout the month of January. Finally, even John had to admit the need to move the celebration to a more solid surface, namely, the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.



A terrific group of neighbors emerged from hibernation on Saturday, February 25, 2006. We packed the party room and the rink. Although the flying Fitzsimons Sisters, Kate and Morgan, both sustained injuries, the damage was quickly relieved by the timely administration of medicinal pizza. Luckily, all other skaters seemed to weather the fun without incident.

All in all, 111 neighbors and friends skated and socialized. Thanks go out to face painting artisans, Ali Bowman, Sam Griffith, and Julia Murphy who gave our group their distinctive look. Hot cocoa, donuts and neighborhood gossip were the entertainment.

Apres-skate activities were necessarily low key since the room wasn't large enough for the infamous tug o' war event. Wait a minute, what about Tug-o-War on the ice? It might be worth trying next year on the lake. ...hmm, I wonder, would the ice give us grown-ups an advantage? Let's keep it in mind for next winter (especially if this spring's tug o' war doesn't go our way).



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Loch Alpine Spring Celebration Saturday, May 6th, 2 pm - 4 pm

Meet at Loch Alpine Park for these fun activities!

2 pm Gather for Egg Hunt

2:15 pm Egg Hunt for ages 6 and Under

2:20 pm Egg Hunt for Ages 7 and Older

2:30 to 4 pm Crafts

3:30 to 4 pm

Relay Races & Parent VS Child Tug O' War Rematch

Rain Date: Sunday, May 7 same time, same place

Loch Alpine Annual Garage Sale Saturday, May 20th, 9 am - 4 pm

The Loch Alpine Annual Garage Sales are scheduled for **Saturday, May 20, 9 am - 4 pm.**

The optional preview sale is on Friday evening, May 19, 6 pm - 9 pm for Loch Alpine residents only.

The form for inclusion in the Loch Alpine Neighborhood Map is on the last page of this edition of the Lore.

It is also available on the web at www.lochalpine.org under the link for the Lore.

Editor's Tip:

If you have items lurking in your household which you don't believe anyone will pay you for (or you can't be bothered to play sales person) put them out on your lawn with a FREE to ANYONE sign!

Editor's Tip:



Are raccoons getting the best of your garbage? Do you drag your trash bins miles to the curb?

Waste Management will provide **free** big green bins on wheels for Loch Alpine residents!

Call 1-800-796-9696

(Have your customer number from you bill at hand so they can locate your records easily.)

Spring Clean Up Day Saturday, May 13th, 11 am - 3pm

Meet at the Loch Alpine playground. We will be clearing up branches and debris around our parks and playgrounds from 11am to 3 pm. Please bring rakes, gloves, saws, wheel barrels, pick-up trucks, etc...

Pizza Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Chip-able yard waste (small branches, sticks, brush -- no leaves or garbage please) from home and parks will be collected for the ground crew to chip. Drop yard waste near chain on north side of park.

For information, or to volunteer, call Barb Bowman: 426-7096 or email: barbarawebsterbowman@hotmail.com

County Clean Up Day Saturday, May 6th, 11 am - 3pm

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority and the City of Chelsea are hosting a clean up day from 9 am - 4 pm at the WWRA Material Recovery Facility at 8025 Werkner Road, Chelsea

Acceptable materials include:
Traditional recyclable materials
Freon appliances
Household hazardous materials (cleaning supplies, motor oil, oil based paints)
Furniture
Old Tires
Electronic Equipment

*Residents can bring 4 tires for free. A \$5 donation will be requested for each additional tire

*Residents can bring 1 of the following items for free: television, washer, dryer, freon-containing appliance or computer. A \$10 donation will be requested for each additional item.

Out of County residents are restricted from attending

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Spring Blossoms at the Dexter District Library

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The staff of the Dexter District Library is preparing a wonderful slate of events for this spring and summer.

The Library continues to make progress towards beginning construction

of the new building. The first step in this process was to receive approval of a conditional rezoning request from the Village Planning Commission and Village Council. Council approved the Library's request to conditionally rezone the parcels along Alpine Street from Residential (R-1) to Central Business District zoning. The change will allow the Library to maximize the buildable space by alleviating the pressure of residential zoning setbacks. This will allow the Library more flexibility with the initial construction as well as provide more options for future development of the site.

On Saturday, April 29th, "Spring on the Farm" will make a stop at the Library. Margaret Schmidt, "The Farm Lady" will be discussing what happens on the farm and with farm animals when the snow melts and spring blooms. Children of all ages will enjoy this live animal program, as well as Margaret's songs and stories. There will be no registration for this program, so get here early!

On Saturdays, May 6th and June 6th, the Friends of the Dexter District Library will hold their last two monthly Book Sales. The Friends of the Library have held regular Book Sales on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year. These Book Sales are held in the Library's group study room and run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be no Book sale in July. In August, the Friends will hold an annual clearance sale during Dexter Daze on August 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds from these book sales go to support the Dexter District Library.

The Library's Adult Book Discussion group continues to meet the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. through June. For the May 15th meeting, the group will be discussing "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay" by Michael Chabon. The group picks titles monthly at the end of each meeting. This year, the group has read Collapse by Jared Diamond, Ursula Under by Ingrid Hill and Becoming Madame Mao by Anchee Min. Please call the Library at 426-4477 to register.

Saturday, May 20th at 11:00 a.m. will find the Howell Nature Center visiting the Library with their exhibit "Birds of Prey." This program discusses different birds of prey, their characteristics, and importance in the environment. Live birds of prey will be present, so plan to come early as no registration is required for this program.

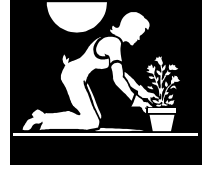
On Monday, June 5th, registration for the Library's Summer Story Times will begin. Call or stop by the Library to register for this popular program. Story Times will run between June 19th and August 3rd. The Summer Story Time programs will feature Toddler Story Time sessions for children 18 months through age 3 and Preschool Story Time sessions for children ages 3-6 years old. All Story Times will be held on Monday and Thursday mornings. Toddler Story Time will be held Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and the Preschool Story Time will be held Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Each Story Time will consist of singing, movement activities and listening to our Youth Services Librarian Cathy Jurich read stories. Due to overwhelming demand, registration for these sessions is required.

The ever-popular Summer Reading program will begin with open registration on Saturday June 17th. This year's theme is "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." The Library will run three separate programs, the "Read To Me" program for toddlers, the "Summer Reading Club" for children through age 12 and the "Teen Read Program" for teenagers. Each program will ask children to set a reading goal for the summer. Children can choose to read a certain number of books over the summer or spend a certain amount of time reading each day or week. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the program, which concludes on Friday, August 4th. Children may register any time during the program.

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Loch Alpine Garden Club



"Heirlooms" Everything Old is New Again

by Marjie Edwards, President Loch Alpine Garden Club

It is curious that at the same time modern hybrid plants are getting attention, heirlooms are garnering more appeal among home gardeners. So, what are heirlooms: they are cultivated plant varieties that have been grown for at least 50 years, time-tested and open-pollinated. Chiefly of European descent, heirlooms seeds have been passed down from one generation to the next. Through the centuries, people selected out and conserved seeds of those plants with enhanced characteristics such as flavor, vigor, scent, and local hardiness. Heirloom seeds were often among the few belongings immigrants brought to America. Many heirlooms are still being kept in families and some are now available to gardeners everywhere.

What accounts for the every-growing interest in and cultivation of more heirlooms? People are rediscovering the great diversity -- flavor, color, texture, fragrance, size, form and shape -- of flowers, vegetables and herbs that have been around for many years and enjoyed by people of many nations and cultures. You may already be growing heirlooms and not realize it.

Last year, I incorporated a variety of Heirloom Tomatoes amidst my garden. They were the best tasting tomato in a long time. Terrific for cooking, adding to Chili or making sauces.

Make a personal commitment to tailor your garden.

Enjoy your space and the Loch Alpine Community. Be sure to visit the "Butterfly Garden for Children" down by the Lake.

Any new residents interested in discussing the Garden Club's activities are encouraged to contact Marjie Edwards at 424-9093

Upcoming Events

by Chris Rochman, Program Chair
Loch Alpine Garden Club

May 3

The Loch Alpine Garden club will be hosting the District IIA meeting of the Michigan Garden Clubs at the Ann Arbor Country Club on May 3. All members will be assisting .

Wed. May 10, 9:30

Club members will be working in the new Butterfly Garden in the park. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have helped start this garden and will be helping again. Annuals and a few more other plants will be planted.

Wed. June 14, 7:30 pm

This will be a garden tour not to be missed. 3 acres of themed gardens include ferns, poison plants, religious, alpine, rhododendron, butterfly and a children's garden. 1,500 evergreens, 55 tulip trees, 8,000 daffodils, a pond and 2 waterfalls can be seen, and if that isn't enough there is a 25' greenhouse, 145 roses and 4 pergolas.

Wed. July 12, 7:30

We will tour Nancy Berg's garden which includes an "English" Garden in front of her home and a "White" Garden on the shady side with more gardens in back. For both garden tours meet at 7:00 at the north end of the Country Club parking lot to carpool.

The club welcomes new members and guests. For more information please contact president Marjorie Edwards, 424-9093 or Chris Rochman, program chairman, 426-5736.

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Ann Arbor Country Club

Nowhere are Robert Frost's words about good fences making good neighbors less true than in Loch Alpine. Residents of Loch Alpine are fortunate to enjoy wide-open spaces, rolling hills and lake views unparalleled in the Ann Arbor/Dexter area. Winding through the center of the neighborhood, the Ann Arbor Country Club Golf Course adds to the natural beauty of the neighborhood and provides beautiful vistas for all residents to enjoy. The golf course also adds significantly to the property values in Loch Alpine.

Rather than erecting fences, Loch Alpine relies on respect, common sense and good old-fashioned neighborliness to allow everyone to enjoy all that the neighborhood has to offer while respecting boundaries and private property. The Country Club wants to remind all of its Loch Alpine neighbors that while the golf course adds to the overall value of the neighborhood, the golf course is, in fact, private property. Loch Alpine also has a leash law and pets are not permitted to run free on the golf course or anywhere else in the neighborhood.

The course is for golfers ONLY and is not a place for dogs or children. The golf course is not a safe place to play, nor are the "doggie leave-behinds" a welcome find on the course. Recent damage by dogs to the newly restored areas of the course has cost the Club a lot of money and reduces the beauty and value of the course for all Loch Alpine residents.



Protecting the golf course means protecting property values in Loch Alpine. Kids playing on the course are in danger and could be hit by errant golf balls. Dogs simply have no place on the links. AACC wants to build bridges with the neighborhood, not fences. Please help the Club keep the golf course beautiful and safe and, in turn, keep Loch Alpine special!

Paul Uslan
Loch Alpine Resident
President Ann Arbor Country Club



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GO BLUE-GO SWANS

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The most often question I'm asked is, "When will the cygnets leave?" In all past years, when the adults were pinioned and couldn't migrate, my answer was, "they'll go when they get kicked out." The adults would remain close to their nesting spot. Pen and Cob, however, are not pinioned so their first winter, 2004, they flew off in November, having failed to raise a family. (Remember that lousy nest they built too low in the water, and were flooded out?) This winter, 2005, all five swans left, again in November, on the Saturday of the Ohio State-Michigan football game. They went south, as did the football game.

Pen and Cob returned in January and made a bee line for the old homestead at the east end of Greenook, commonly known as the "muskrat place". It was still there but needed a lot of work. Now it is March and the rains came, the ice melted and "muskrat house" went the way of the homes in the Ninth Ward in New Orleans.

Yesterday, I noticed Pen and Cob showing a lot of interest in the island, on a spot that Andy Lakatos, Dr. Carlson, Hugh and I had cleared for them in January of 2005. They ignored it then because "muskrat place" beckoned.

I have watched the swans build nests, lay eggs, and hatch cygnets on Greenook Lake for 44 years and the most dramatic by far has got to be the first one. Maybe Anthony and Cleopatra were just trying to show off, this being their first performance before an adoring Loch Alpine citizenry, because they hatch ten beautiful, plump, grey cygnets which amazed all of us, not to mention themselves.

I thought such broods must be common and worried a bit that having twelve big, feathered birds, year after year might suffocate us under an avalanche of white feathers. I was thinking we could start our own cottage industry making pillows and comforters of these potential mountains of swans down, but Mother Nature stepped in and curbed this swan promiscuity. Subsequent broods were greatly streamlined to fit the modest size of Greenook Lake.



"My house, I say"

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850–1894)

MY house, I say. But hark to the sunny doves
That make my roof the arena of their loves,
That gyre about the gable all day long
And fill the chimneys with their murmurous song:
Our house, they say; and mine, the cat declares
And spreads his golden fleece upon the chairs;
And mine the dog, and rises stiff with wrath
If any alien foot profane the path.
So, too, the buck that trimmed my terraces,
Our erstwhile gardener, called the garden his;
Who now, deposed, surveys my plain abode
And his late kingdom, only from the road.

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Pets of Loch Alpine

Name:Xena

Age: 2 **Sex:** F.

Dog friends: Bonnie,Buddy,Cookie, Maggie and Milo.

Neighborhood friends:
Nona&Hugh, Marcia and the Stewarts.

Future plans include:
Mating,eating and going to the bathroom.

Some nicknames: Babycakes, cutie, dooch,doogie,foochface,noisebucket pooch,waggles,zoo,zoogie.

Xena's favorite things to do that she is not supposed to do:

- (1)Eat Bunny Slippers
- (2)Bark

Contributed by Alex Maser



Editor's Note:

Would your pet like to be profiled in an upcoming issue of the Lore?

Please send a photo and brief profile, story or poem about your pet to lochalpinelore@hotmail.com

An anonymous request..

"With the arrival of spring/summer more and more people are walking, running and biking and on average I am chased by dogs at least 4 to 5 times during the year. It's scary! Dog owners please keep this in mind while walking your dogs."



Betsy's Book Club



Do you like to talk about books?

Betty Jackson is interested in forming a book club!

Interested?

Contact:
Betsy Jackson (424-0321). betsyjackson@theurbanagenda.com

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Advertisements

Manners and Courtesy Classes at the AACC

Helping Children Get it RIGHT:

Respect, Integrity, Grace, Hospitality and Tact!



This three session class will give kids the tools needed to make a good impression in any situation.

\$40 for members/\$50 non members

Class Dates will meet on the following Sundays

(the May 21 class will be a combined 4:00pm dinner. Student dinner is included in class fee.)

April 30, May 7 & May 21

K-2nd Grade: 3pm-4pm

3rd-5th Grade: 4pm-5:30pm

6th-12th Grade: 5:30pm-7pm

Topics:

“What & Why of Courtesy”, Body Language & Posture, Hygiene & Personal Appearance, Introductions and Conversations, Telephone Use, Mealtimes, Personal Correspondence, Invitations & thank-You notes, Electronic Etiquette, Social Encounters.

For the Older Students, topics may include: Putting your best foot forward in the job market and going off to college, resumes, Dressing for Success.

For more information or to make a reservation for your child call Theresa Kreske 424-3020.

Odd Job Help

Need an outlet or light switch replaced?

Something electrical not working quite right?
How about wireless internet access, want it running right?

This neighbor is probably cheaper than a babysitter and will take the care you expect.

I'll even walk myself to and from the job!

Richard Lewandowski
426-5031

richlew@umich.edu

Storage!

Car/Boat/Snowmobile/Golf Cart Storage:

Do you have a garage, but no room to park your car? I may have the answer for you.
Indoor storage for out-of-season vehicles in a convenient location near Loch Alpine.

For more information, contact Mindy Kerr at 426-5861.

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Choreographed Ballroom Dancing

Level 1 Class

Wednesdays or Thursdays

7:00 – 9:00 pm

First Class – September 13/14, 2006

Date and Day to Be Determined

\$12.00/couple per class



Level 1 covers the basic dance figures of cha cha, rumba, waltz, foxtrot, and triple swing (East Coast Swing). No prior dance experience is needed. The dances are choreographed and danced to verbal cues. However ten to fifteen minutes of each class will be dancing without cues to prepare you for the usual ballroom floor.

Dress: Casual, but you'll be happier in leather bottomed shoes, not gym shoes or shoes with crepe soles.

Location: To be arranged (Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Area)

Contact: Please call Richard & Ella Reinhard to let us know that you are interested.

We'll be happy to answer all your questions about the class.

Home Phone: 734-484-0623 Richard's Cell 734-649-9169

Email: rlreinhard44@aol.com

BMI/ASCAP Licensed. Insured. 10 years teaching experience.
Members of Roundalab and Universal Round Dance Council.



Pet Care / Dog Walking / House Sitting

Your responsible adult Loch Alpine neighbor is starting a small dog walking and pet sitting business. If your dog needs some mid-day attention, or you plan to be out of town, please contact me for help.

Call Mindy Kerr at 426-5861 for more information.

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Vacation Home for Rent

Lake Michigan home located in South Haven rents year round.

Only 2 1/2 hours from Ann Arbor, it is totally remodeled with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Weekly summer rental is just 3 blocks from the lake and accommodates 6-8 people.

To see more visit www.vrbo.com and type in property #39176

Questions, call Lorie Friedman
426-8234

Need a reference, call Loch Alpine resident Anala Rogers : 426-4989



Au Sable Retreat



Luxury Log Home on the pristine main stream of the Au Sable River near Grayling. Completely furnished for up to 8 people-three bedrooms plus loft, 2 full baths, fully equipped kitchen and laundry, fireplace, satellite TV and large deck. Great getaway! Nearby activities include canoeing, trout fishing, golfing, swimming, and downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, shopping, hiking and just plain relaxing. Weekly and weekend rates are offered year round.

For pricing and availability, call Betsy or Bill Ince in Loch Alpine at 734-426-8659.

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Annual Loch Alpine Garage Sales

The Loch Alpine Annual Garage Sales are scheduled for **Saturday, May 20, 9 am - 4 pm.**
The optional preview sale is on Friday evening, May 19, 6 pm - 9 pm for Loch Alpine residents only.

If you wish to have your sale featured on the neighborhood map, please fill out the form below, include a \$5 registration fee, and return to me by **Sunday, May 11.** The fee will cover the cost of newspaper ads, signs and maps. You can also include a short list of featured items to lure shoppers to your sale. Please keep this list brief! The list will be distributed to shoppers along with neighborhood maps.

The Boy Scouts will come through the neighborhood to pick up leftovers, starting at 4 pm. It will take them several hours to work their way through the neighborhood, so please be patient. If they miss your house, please call me and I will give you information on how to arrange for pickup at a later date. Leave your donations at the end of the driveway. If you want a record for tax purposes, have a list of donated items for them to sign. The Scouts will not accept: old tires, non-working appliances, furniture with worn upholstery, most clothing (they may take children's clothing if it is good condition). The Scouts are collecting for their fundraiser sale and they'll have to deal with disposal of unsold items, so please leave them a few treasures, too.

Questions? Contact me: Sue Inderhees, 426-8543, 3779 W. Loch Alpine Dr.

Loch Alpine Garage Sales registration form
Send a \$5 registration fee, cash or check; checks payable to :

Sue Inderhees, 3779 W. Loch Alpine Dr., Ann Arbor, 48103

I will have a drop box on the front porch. You can also leave forms in my mailbox on Dawson Drive.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

LOT NUMBER: _____ PHONE: _____

BRIEF (70 characters max.) LIST OF ITEMS FOR SALE:

- Check here if you will participate in the Friday night preview sale on May 19, for Loch Alpine residents only.
- Check here if you want to have your leftover treasures picked up by the Boy Scouts after the sale.