



CHA Winter 2010 Newsletter

※ TRAILWORK -Improvements were recently made to our South Trail by a team of George Carpenter, Chuck Whetsel and John Rademacher. We had been discussing the need to do something to reduce the "wet foot" problem and glad to have this project done and again thanks to active volunteer CHA members. The high winds that we had on several occasions from late August through October took down quite a few trees in the woods, including one of the largest Quaking Aspen that I know of. John Rademacher and I have, at various times, cut about 8 trees or good sized limbs that had come down over the trails. Cricket and I also took a pole saw along the trails and cut some threatening overhead branches or some that interfered with walking.

Also, Don and Peg Ramsdell put up tree identification tags along the trails so that about 11 different kinds of trees have been named. This continues and extends previous efforts to identify the major species for people using the trails. George Carpenter

※ PHRAGMITES - Most residents received a letter from the Township/ County about the next step in phragmites control. Basically, this year's grant included money to cut and burn or burn in place (for the very large clumps) of phragmites that were sprayed this year (happened in Cherry Homes in September). Workers will be coming along the beach/coastal zone and doing the cutting starting in Leelanau Township in November. We don't have any idea when they will get to us but it could be any time yet this winter. Some of us "topped" the stems on our property and burned them. George Carpenter

※ WINDSTORM - The recent severe windstorm caused a large limb to crash onto the clubhouse roof. Kent VanEmst and Don Beaudry got together and removed the limb and arranged for roof repairs before we got any wet weather. Numerous efforts to get a tree trimming firm to do the work failed to get action so they did the work. A very large thank you to them. Dave Schmidtke

※ CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES - Al Nofitz reported the clubhouse has been used for football watching a number of times this autumn and of course the card players and exercise ladies have been active on a weekly basis. A Christmas Celebration party will be held after the Christmas Concert (NAHA) on Sunday December 12 at about 5 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share and what you would like to drink.

We have a rental scheduled for the evening of December 13th and hope to have a CHA Board meeting the evening of December 14th at 7 PM. That will be the last scheduled event for the season and the clubhouse water will be drained and the heat turned off. If a demand for a significant event (like superbowl or new years) came alive we could reopen the clubhouse. Dave Schmidtke

※ CHA BOARD NOMINATIONS - It is time again to consider serving on the CHA board. Three positions come up for re-election each year and we need folks to volunteer to serve. Please contact a current board member if you have any questions or interest. Dave Schmidtke

※ COMMUNICATIONS - We are trying to use the internet to communicate with as many members as possible to have a quicker response and lower cost. This is our first effort at this technique. Dave Schmidtke

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