

## **COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS TILL SPRING IS HERE FOR GOOD !!!**

*Don't despair now that the Pancake Breakfasts are done and the Ski team dinner auction has come and gone. Look forward to changing weather and longer days. Before too long, docks and flowers will appear and the PRIDE TEAM will swing into action bringing us lots of fun. Until then.....*

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Spring is not here yet...come enjoy some comfort food at a free community meal at CrossPointe Community Church! The meal, served on Friday, March 30, will include meatloaf, potatoes supreme, and fruit cocktail, with a choice of spice cake or peanut butter/butterscotch rice krispy treats for dessert...plus a beverage! CrossPointe Community Church serves a free meal, open to the community, on the last Friday of every month...and it is open to anyone who would like a good meal in the company of friendly people! Come hungry and see some old friends...or make some new ones, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 6:15PM. CrossPointe is located at [7230 Lake Road](#) in Chippewa Lake. For more information, call the church office at [330-723-9009](#). This meal is sponsored in cooperation with the Chippewa Lake Lions Club.

## **A NOTE ABOUT THE LAKE AND OUR IMPACT ON ITS HEALTH**

We all know that testing of Chippewa Lake water has brought about warnings and closings. A local group has been created to keep informed about the status of the lake, interacting with Medina Parks, and other agencies about water quality. Here are some ways that each of us can help improve water quality

**Storm drains found in our streets and yards empty into Chippewa Lake.** So, when we fertilize our lawn we are also fertilizing the lake. While fertilizer is good for our lawn, it's bad for our water. Fertilizer in our lake is one of the triggers that causes algae to grow.

**We are encouraging all home owners in the Chippewa Lake watershed to use phosphorus free fertilizers on their lawns.** If you apply it yourself, look for phosphorus free fertilizers. You can be sure you are getting a zero-phosphorus product by checking the N-P-K nutrient mix on the bags. The "P" in the mix stands for the amount of phosphorus it contains. A phosphorus-free product would list this value as "0".

**Scotts Miracle-Gro has removed phosphorus from its popular Turf Builder line of lawn fertilizer** to help reduce the type of harmful algae blooms that have plagued waterways such as Grand Lake St. Mary's, Lake Erie and our own Chippewa Lake. Scotts researchers learned that there is enough phosphorus in most soils to grow healthy turf, especially when grass clippings are left on lawns.

**The following lawn care companies can provide zero phosphorus applications to lawns in the Chippewa Lake area.** Call one and ask for zero phosphorus applications and ask that they not apply on rainy days. If you have a storm water grate in your yard, don't apply fertilizer within two feet of it. Don't forget to check your invoice to assure they applied a zero-phosphorus fertilizer.

Good Nature Lawn Care – [216-641 9800](tel:216-641-9800)

Provides organic applications with only a trace amount of phosphorus.

Lamphear's Lawn Care – [330-725-2102](tel:330-725-2102)

Provides zero phosphorus applications.

Lucas Lawn Care – [330-723-3152](tel:330-723-3152)

Provides zero phosphorus applications.

Brookside Lawn Service – [330-721-8873](tel:330-721-8873)

Can provide zero phosphorus applications.

TruGreen Lawn Care – [330-461-5141](tel:330-461-5141)

Can provide zero phosphorus applications.