



# Business Review

A Publication of the MOA Board of Directors

## From the General Manager

Todd Chwatun

Dear Neighbors,

Here we are deep in the heart of winter in Northern Michigan. I hope you are all staying warm! I know that this is a tough time of year for many people and there can be many contributing factors such as lack of sunshine, post holiday bills, limited time spent outdoors, etc. On the other hand, this can be one of the most exciting and fun-filled times of year if you take advantage of everything Michaywé has to offer.

- ◆ Choose a sunny day, throw on your Yak Tracks, and hit the roads or trails for a beautiful winter walk.
- ◆ Get in your car, turn up the heat, and head over to the Clubhouse to swim some laps in the indoor pool, relax in the hot tub, or get in a healthy sweat in the sauna.
- ◆ Grab your cross-country skis and hit the beautifully groomed trails for a picturesque cardio workout.
- ◆ Join our card playing groups for a rousing afternoon of euchre, bridge, or pinochle.
- ◆ Join us at Inn the Woods and treat yourself to a really fantastic meal with a glass of fine wine or an exceptional cocktail.

This is only a part of what Michaywé offers during the winter season. Can you believe it?!

We can't end our discussion of seasonal activities without mentioning my favorite season - golf season! It will be here before you know it! Right now it is time to prepare. Do some push-ups, start swinging one of those hinged training aids without breaking something or hitting your spouse in the head, count your golf tees, polish your clubs, and most importantly, purchasing your season pass to The

Pines Golf Course. The season passes are now available! Get yours today by contacting our outstanding Director of Golf, Judy Mason. She has been working hard to prepare for another outstanding season of golf and would love to hear from you.

**Season Pass Hotline 989-939-8911**

All in all, there are a lot of great things happening in Michaywé right now. The staff, the MOA Board of Directors, and our many generous volunteers have worked very hard during the past few years to move Michaywé forward. All of the hard work is definitely paying off! As you saw on the front page of this publication, 2010 was a very good year in many ways, and we plan to continue to improve in 2011 and beyond.

Speaking of our volunteers, please take a moment to read the enclosed list of opportunities on page 4. We would certainly appreciate assistance in any of these areas if you have an expertise that you would like to share. Everything we do to improve is another step toward increased property values for us all.

## Michaywé Pines Golf Course 2011 Special Events and Tournament Schedule

Men's Monday Partners League	Begins May 9
Ladies' League	Begins May 10
Men's Wednesday League	Begins May 11
Z-League Monday Play	Begins May 16
Mixed Scramble Thursday/Monthly Match Play Tournament	Begins May 19
Michaywé Challenge Cup	June 13-15
Michaywé – Pines for Research	June 23
Stars and Stripes Tournament	June 30
Men vs Ladies Partners Tournament	July 14
Men's Member Guest	July 25
Ladies' Member Guest	July 26
Drinks and Links	July 31
Club Championship	Aug 6 & 7
Match Play Tournament	Ends August 7
GAJUGA Tournament	August 17
Luau Theme Mixed Scramble	August 18
Seniors' Championship	September 15
Member – Member Tournament	September 22
Oktoberfest Mixed Scramble	October 6

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February 2011

## 2010 Was a Very Good Year for Michaywé!

Did you know that the following were accomplished in Michaywé during 2010 by the MOA staff, MOA Board, and a host of wonderful caring volunteers? Together, we:

1. Repaved the Clubhouse entrance off Opal Lake Rd
2. Improved the Clubhouse sidewalk front entrance adjacent to the club house and the Inn the Woods restaurant
3. Completely refurbished our 3 tennis courts
4. Installed a new club house drain field using the golf course driving range
5. Used funds (\$8,800) donated by Arts and Crafts Fair Committee for a new cross-country ski trail groomer; and pool, restaurant (i.e. new wire bread baskets and dishes) and golf course equipment
6. Coordinated with the Otsego County Road Commission to improve Michaywé Drive and a number of residential streets
7. Improved the golf course cart path entrances using sod taken from the drain field project
8. Instituted The Michaywé Forward Program. So far we have received in excess of \$15,400, over \$7,100 of which has been used to pay down short-term debt
9. Continued major emphasis on delinquent dues collections via the small claims court process
10. Revamped financial reporting to separate MOA amenities and MOA Administration in order to show more clearly revenue, expenses, and cash flow
11. Held the first annual New Resident Get-together in September
12. Hired John Kaye as our chef
13. Reinstated the Restriction Committee (80% of violations have been corrected)

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**Current Financial Reports, Board Meeting Minutes, and other important communications from the Board to the Michaywé Membership can be found at [www.michaywe.com](http://www.michaywe.com).**

**Instructions:** Click on "Member Login" in the upper right corner and enter your "Member ID" (must be all CAPS) and your "Lot-Pin#" (must have the dash i.e. 1234-56). If you have any trouble logging in, please call the MOA Office for assistance at 989-939-8919. Only Members in Good Standing are allowed access to this information.

## From the President

Michael G. Buckley

Welcome to an updated Michaywé Homeowners Association Business Review. Hopefully you noticed the reappearance of the Whispering Pines newsletter created by Carolyn Smith and Dawn Deisig. By combining the two into one package the production and mailing costs are lowered.

Since the world does not totally revolve around the internet and many of our members chose not to subscribe to our confidential email list, it is necessary to summarize many of the notes and comments made during the past six months into this document in hopes that you are informed about our progress and changes to improve Michaywé.

A significant change that has been made is the financial reporting. The MOA Staff and our new Treasurer, John Stelman, have worked to create a more meaningful report format which shows accounting profit and loss and cash flow by two primary

categories, MOA Amenities and MOA Administration. The MOA Amenities category is then segmented into 4 cost centers - MOA Golf, MOA Dining, MOA Pool, and MOA Other Amenities (which includes Cross-Country Ski Trails, Opal Lake Beach House, Tennis Courts, etc). MOA Administration includes

*"What can be measured, can be controlled."* the fixed costs and overhead to administer the Association. This provides a better indication to the Board and our

Membership of our monthly performance and "what can be measured, can be controlled" as well as a clear picture of where our dues are being spent. Michaywé is the sum of all these amenities to be shared and enjoyed by all. Much has been done, but more work is needed and with some more volunteer help (see page 4) and Member support of our restaurant and golf course, more positive things can happen to improve Michaywé and enhance the value of your property.

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### LIFE

Life is a gift to be used every day,  
Not to be smothered and hidden away;  
It isn't a thing to be stored in the chest  
Where you gather your keepsakes and treasure your best;  
It isn't a joy to be sipped now and then  
And promptly put back in a dark place again.

Life is a gift that the humblest may boast of  
And one that the humblest may well make the most of.  
Get out and live it each hour of the day,  
Wear it and use it as much as you may;  
Don't keep it in niches and corners and grooves,  
You'll find that in service its beauty improves.

From Edgar Guest of the Detroit Free Press

**PUBLIC NOTICE - Real Estate Signs**

The following are guidelines from the Otsego County Road Commission for the placement of temporary signs to advertise real estate for sale:

1. Real estate signs that are placed outside of the County right-of-way on private property are not the jurisdiction of the Otsego County Road Commission.
2. No off-premise (directional) real estate signs will be allowed in the County right-of-way, whether for private sale or through a real estate company. An on-premise sign will be allowed in County right-of-way if it does not obstruct vision or cause a traffic hazard.

Note: the term "off-premise real estate signs" refers to signs that advertise property that is at a location other than where the sign is located.

3. Signs placed illegally will be subject to confiscation by the Otsego County Road Commission. There will be a charge of \$5 per sign for their return. The fine must be paid before the signs can be released.

**Michaywé Forward Program Update**

The Michaywé Forward Program is an excellent way to direct your money towards an area in Michaywé that you would like to see improved. A great example is the potential summer Children's program that is being considered for this coming summer. While your first \$100 goes to short term debt, the rest can only be used by the Board for that specific earmark. (Just like Washington!)

If you would like further information on how you can participate in this program, please go to the Members Only page at [www.michaywe.com](http://www.michaywe.com), call the MOA Office at 989-939-8919, or send an e-mail to [board@michaywe.com](mailto:board@michaywe.com). The Board will be announcing how the directed funds will be used in the near future.

**Propane Tank Screening**

Otsego County recently updated its ordinances concerning the screening of new propane tanks on residential property. The County now requires a minimum of 10 feet of clearance around the tank. The Michaywe Architectural Review Committee has reviewed this change and has made a revision to the MOA Building Manual to comply with this Requirement. The update to the Building Manual can be found on page 7 and reads as follows:

*located a minimum of ten (10) feet from any building. If above ground, fuel storage tanks shall not be located between the road side and the front of either the house and/or garage structures. In all cases, fuel storage tanks must be concealed, by either natural or constructed means, from view of the street and golf course in a manner that is consistent and in architectural harmony with the site, its buildings, and landscaping."*

Section V Guidelines - Delete items (f) and (m) and replace with:

The County realizes that there are hundreds of propane tanks in Michaywé that were installed before this requirement was in place. These tanks are grandfathered and do not need to follow the new guidelines, but are still required to comply with the prior MOA governance regarding fuel storage tanks.

*"(f) Fuel Storage Tanks - All fuel storage tanks shall be installed in compliance with Otsego County codes and regulations. Accordingly, all fuel storage tanks must be*

**ARE YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS POSTED AND VISIBLE?**

*The next time you approach your home take a look at the house numbers. Are they clearly visible from the road? Would an emergency vehicle be able to find your house without any trouble? Think about the detailed directions you have to give to visitors. For further information, the Otsego County House Numbering Ordinance is available at [www.otsegocountymi.gov](http://www.otsegocountymi.gov).*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The MOA GM and the Board could use some limited volunteer assistance which can make a positive impact on the future of Michaywe.

1. Opal Lake kid's summer program assistants
2. Forestry person to report on MOA properties' trees, their health, and a possible thinning plan.
3. Landscape planner for pond, tennis courts, etc.
4. "ARC-GIS by ESRI" software person to update MOA land use maps and infrastructure drawings.
5. Restriction Violations Office Administrator - part-time
6. Sound abatement consultant for restaurant and meeting rooms.
7. Asset Management control, depreciation planning, and replacement planning.
8. Public Relations experience to help promote Michaywé for buying existing homes and lots and building new houses.
9. Librarian experience to review and improve Opal Lake Book library and develop a Clubhouse library.
10. Facilities Planning (Inside and Outside)



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14. Expanded our cross-country ski trail thru the back 9 on the golf course
15. Sponsored a Walk and Golf fundraiser (\$8,000) for Cancer Research
16. Supported the GAJUGA (youth) golf championship
17. Sponsored a wedding for a returning soldier and his fiancée
17. Approved a Board of Directors' Code of Ethics
18. Negotiated a reduced rate of interest with our bank on our credit line

All this is being accomplished during difficult economic times. And why? Because we're getting ready for the future. In the next 2 or 3 years, we believe the real estate market in Michaywé and all of Michigan will improve. And we intend to be in a position to take advantage of this and be the most desirable community in the Gaylord area for buying a house or building on a vacant lot.

All of us should be very proud of our community. It hasn't been easy on occasion getting to this point, but here we are and the best is yet to come.

**2011 Michaywé Plans**

While many programs were finalized in 2010, there are many additional plans and programs the MOA Board is developing for 2011. With your support, the Board and Staff will:

1. Continue to look for ways to improve our overall image and revenue
2. Review our pool entry procedure and other amenity accessibility
3. Determine how to use funds contributed to the Michaywé Forward Program
4. Evaluate the possibility of expanding the hours of operation to take advantage of the additional daylight hours during the summer at the Opal Lake Beach
5. Continue aggressive pursuit of those still in arrears on dues
6. Continue to work with the County on the flagrant violators of our Recreational Vehicle Restriction Policy
7. Hire an Opal Lake Attendant who will also initiate a summer children's program
8. Send out a letter to the Gaylord real estate companies and agents that will review 2010 and explain our plans for 2011 and beyond to generate more interest in Michaywé

9. Re-publish our *Whispering Pines* newsletter

Michaywé accomplished much in 2010 and has a great deal more opportunities in 2011 and beyond. **We've turned the corner - Our future is now.**

We want you to be proud to bring your family and friends to your home in Michaywé and to have them impressed with the facilities that surround you. Have dinner at our wonderful Inn the Woods restaurant and have them

play the Pines Golf Course, which has hosted two Michigan Amateur championship tournaments. Swim in our indoor or outdoor pools, use the Jacuzzi, have them play a couple sets of tennis on our refurbished tennis courts, ski our groomed and expanded ski trails, or have them sample the great views from the Opal Lake Beach House while enjoying a family picnic.

Tell them about our book and card clubs, the monthly summer evening picnics at the Opal Lake House, the bowling league, the men's and **women's** golf leagues, our one-of-a-kind ladies' **Z-league** (goal to have fun, not worry about score), the monthly golf scrambles and dinners, the annual Chili Cook-off, Ice Cream Social, the Arts and Crafts Fair, which is in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, our wonderful Michaywé Players group, the children's Halloween and Christmas parties. All great activities for the young and young-at-heart alike are yours to enjoy.

All of these wonderful benefits are available to you as a Michaywé member. The Michaywé Board, staff, and the wonderful volunteers invite you to:

**Experience Michaywé!**

**We do every day and love it!**

***"...we intend to be in a position to take advantage of this (improved real estate market) and be the most desirable community in the Gaylord area for buying a house or building on a vacant lot."***

## Michaywé Communications

### How To Log in to the Member Page at [www.michaywe.com](http://www.michaywe.com)

1. Go to [www.michaywe.com](http://www.michaywe.com) and click on the box in the upper right corner that says "Member Login".
2. Enter your Member ID and your Lot-Pin #. This information is on your Membership Card. Follow the instructions or you will not be able to get in.
3. After you log in, you will see the Member Page where it says "Welcome to the Members Only web page!" From here you can listen to meeting recordings, view meeting minutes, review financial reports, and stay informed of other postings distributed by the MOA Board.

#### QUESTIONS?

If you have any trouble logging in, please call the MOA Office at 989-939-8919 for assistance.

### REVISED 2011 MOA Board Meeting Schedule

The Board changed some of the 2011 meeting dates to facilitate better financial reporting.

February 26, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am

March 26, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am

April 30, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am  
**April 30, 2011 – Town Hall Meeting 2:00pm**

May 14, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am

June 25, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am  
**June 25, 2011 – Annual Meeting 2:00pm**

July 23, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am

August 27, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am

September 24, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am  
**September 24, 2011 – Town Hall Meeting 2:00pm**

October 22, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am

November 26, 2011 – Board Meeting  
Board Only 8:30am, Open to Members 9:30am

December 27, 2011 – Board & **Town Hall** Meeting  
Board Only 2:00pm, Open to Members 3:00pm

### How To Sign Up to Receive Michaywé E-Mail Blasts

1. Go to [www.michaywe.com](http://www.michaywe.com) and enter your e-mail address in the box next to "Newsletter Sign Up".
2. You will then see a screen that is titled "Registration". You must place a check mark in the box next to one or more e-mail categories and then click on the box titled "Save Profile Changes".
3. The next screen you will see is still titled "Registration", but it will say "Thank you! We've added you to the mailing lists you selected."
4. Very soon after signing up, you will receive an e-mail titled "Thank you for joining our mailing list".

Please Note: There is a link at the bottom left corner of every e-mail we send that says "Update Profile/Email Address". If you would like to make changes to your account, this is the place to go.

#### QUESTIONS?

If you have any trouble with registration or do not receive a verification e-mail within five days after registration, please call the MOA Office at 989-939-8919 for assistance.

### Going Green & Saving Money

The MOA Board of Directors voted recently to give Members the ability to opt-in to receive future communications by e-mail rather than mailings typically sent by the postal service.

It has long been a goal of the Board to improve communications, but sending publications through the mail is very expensive and not everyone uses e-mail. Hopefully a blend of these communications mediums will make it easier and more affordable.

There will continue to be situations, such as elections, where hard copies must be sent via first class mail to the entire Membership as required by the MOA Bylaws.

To begin this initiative, the General Manager will be sending an e-mail blast to those Members who have an e-mail address on file. You can then opt-in to this communications change.

You can rest assured that your e-mail address will be held in confidence and only used for this intended purpose. MOA considers this personal information and will not release it to anyone for any reason.

If you have not already joined our e-mail list and would like to receive updates, please see the instructions above. We would be pleased if you decide to join our list!

### 2010 Financial Review (unaudited as of 1/29/11)

In 2010, MOA showed financial improvement over 2009. MOA was able to operate at the 2002 dues level of \$400 while operating all MOA amenities, depositing money in the Maintenance & Reserve Fund, making all scheduled debt payments, investing thousands of dollars in infrastructure improvements, and still finishing the year with an increase in cash reserves and lower levels of debt.

This good performance was all made possible through cost containment actions such as staffing reductions, increased volunteer contributions, and special actions such as the Michaywé Forward Program. However, with the rejected dues increase from our recent past, our debt and emergency reserve funds continue to remain a high priority and could be a challenge should we encounter unforeseen risk.

#### WHATEVER IT TAKES!

Today is a whole day for you to do good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a whole day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; and in its place will be something that you had left behind...let it be something good.

- Author Unknown



*Michaywé*

# Whispering Pines



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Winter, 2011

## Tennis Courts to Reopen This Spring

So what was the story behind the hole in our Michaywé tennis courts last summer?

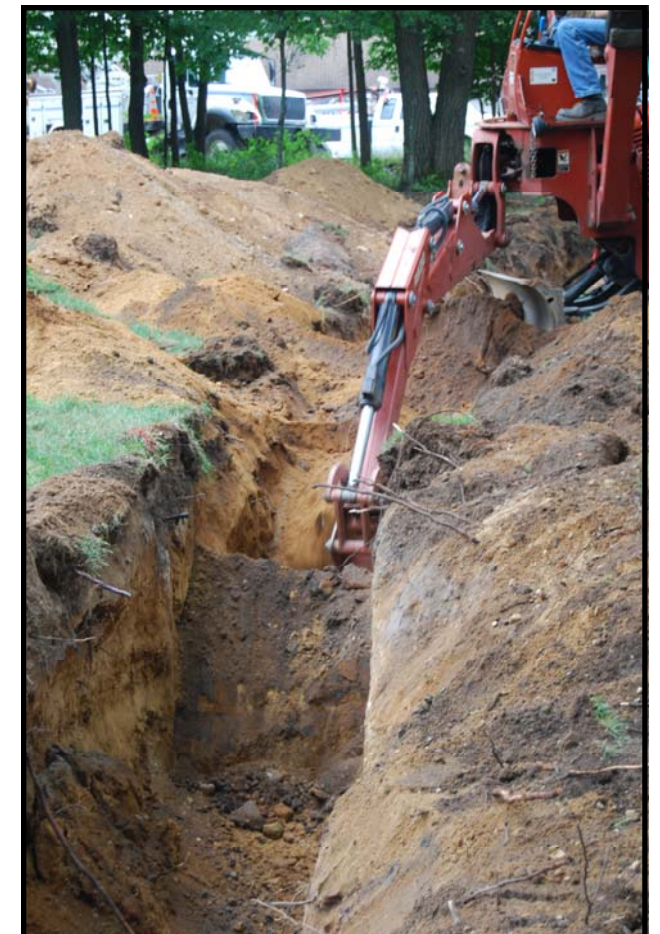
It all began early in the morning on Saturday, August 15, 2009. Inn the Woods was scheduled to host two large weddings plus its normal Saturday dinner guests. Without some quick action on the part of our staff there would have been two upset families to deal with. To save the day, a generator was delivered and electricians wired it into the clubhouse's electrical system. Great Lakes Energy worked long and hard to determine that the source of the electrical problem was located beneath the tennis courts. The power was eventually restored, but the tradeoff was a large hole dug deep into our beloved tennis courts.

MOA and Great Lakes Energy both agreed that moving the electrical line from under the tennis courts should be done to prevent the need to ever excavate the tennis courts again. So Michaywé and Great Lakes Energy worked together to relocate the electrical line to the open space between the courts and the parking lot. MOA then had the hole in the courts filled with asphalt to prepare for needed repairs.

In September, 2010 the courts were refurbished completely; however, our story did not end happily ever after. A month later, bubbling appeared on the court surface. The company that did the refurbishing will return this spring to fix this common problem. Until the bubbling is gone, we must stay off the courts.

A grand reopening celebration is planned following the surface repair work. Our tennis courts will be just like new again and ready for your enjoyment!

Tennis, anyone?



*Great Lakes Energy's heavy equipment digs deep to locate the electrical system problem under the tennis courts*

Whispering Pines is a publication of the Michaywé Owners Association, focused only on social, recreational and member activities.

Thanks to Lora Blank, Marty Carlin, Harriet Genberg, Judy Mason, Bob Olszewski, Karen Stimmel and Todd Chwatun and the MOA Office Staff for their assistance with this issue.

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**Evan Esar**

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304 Michaywé Drive

A sample of our sales in 2010!



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6992 Pheasant Run

## Many Social Events Planned for this Year

Social Committee Chair, Karen Stimmel, is pleased to present the 2011 social events calendar.

"We have several events on the calendar which still need a chair or chairpersons to organize; specifically, the Spring Luncheon, the Opal Lake Park picnics on July 20 and August 3, the Christmas Luncheon, the Day with Santa, and the Christmas Dinner Dance. The Spring Luncheon will be here before you know it and we really need someone to volunteer to organize it," said Karen. "These are wonderful events and have been well-attended and it would be a shame to lose them. More than one person can be responsible for an event. In fact, it makes it easier to spread the work among several friends."

Please contact Karen at 1-231-499-1501 if you would like more information on what is needed and how you can help.

Be sure to mark your calendar for your favorite events!

Tuesday, February 8	Cross Country Potluck
Sunday, February 20	Winter Festival
Wednesday, May 4	Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, June 15	Opal Lake Park Picnic
Saturday, July 2	Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, July 20	Opal Lake Park Picnic
Wednesday, August 3	Opal Lake Park Picnic
Saturday, August 20	Shuffleboard Tournament

Sunday, August 28	Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, October 15	MSU-U of M Game Party
Saturday, October 29	Children's Halloween Party
Monday, November 21	Clubhouse Holiday Decorating
Wednesday, November 30	Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 4	Day with Santa
Saturday, December 10	Christmas Dinner Dance

## Are You a Card Player?

The Michaywé community offers many activities and events for its members throughout the year including several lively groups for those who enjoy cards. Marty Carlin organizes weekly Friday afternoon bridge games that take place during the winter at the clubhouse and at the Lake House in Opal Lake Park in the summertime. "We have 5 to 7 tables of players at the Lake House and 3 or 4 tables at the clubhouse, fewer players due to the departure of our snowbirds for sunnier climes," said Marty. "Our group is not for those who are just learning bridge because we play duplicate, a challenging format where the same hands are duplicated among the tables in order to allow a fair comparison of playing skill and reduce 'luck of the cards'. You need to have a partner to play in our group." If you have any questions about the bridge group, you can call Marty at 989-939-8148.



Above (l to r): Fran Colombo, Dick Cyril, Pat Dean & John Stutzman prepare to play duplicate bridge

Two more card groups alternate on Wednesday afternoons playing euchre and pinochle at the clubhouse and the Lake House. Jan Harrington (989-939-8646) directs the euchre group and Bob Olszewski (1-989-350-8049) organizes the pinochle players. These are open groups and anyone can come and play. Consult the monthly activity calendar for date and time of your favorite group.



Left (l to r): Mark Hall, Evelyn McFarland, Marie Mack, & Sally Hall are ready for a challenging game of pinochle, cheered on by George DeGrosso and Bob Olszewski

# Snowshoers on the Trails Again

Lora Blank's great idea for a ladies snowshoe adventure continues to thrive and many of the gals from the Z League have joined in the fun. If you'd like to get a little exercise and want to try snowshoeing or cross country skiing then Monday afternoons should be on your schedule. The ladies meet at the club house at 3:30 pm, strap on their equipment and depart for great outdoors. Or if you'd just like to relax with friends and maybe play a board game or cards, be at the clubhouse at 4 pm. Once the snowshoers return around 5 pm, everyone meets for dinner on their own at Inn the Woods. If all else fails you can join them for dinner at 5. There is no need to sign up in advance, just show up when you can. If you have any questions, please call Lora at 1-906-364-0185.

All ladies are welcome; you don't need to be a Michaywé resident to join the fun. So bring your friends and enjoy the winter, at least on Mondays! Combat those winter blues and cabin fever!



Above: Liz Lixie (left) and Sylvia Beaudry ready to head out on their snowshoes on a snowy afternoon

# Next Cross Country Potluck to be Feb. 8

Sally and Mark Hall will be your hosts for the season's second cross country potluck. Bring a dish for the buffet table and join the group at the Bridgeview Room in the clubhouse at 2 pm on Tuesday, February 8. It is a wonderful afternoon of fun, exercise and conviviality. If the well groomed trails don't beckon to you, you can stay warm near the fire and try your hand at cards or board games.

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# New Children's Program for this Summer

With over thirty years of Michaywé history under our belts, there are, no doubt, many fond childhood memories of Opal Lake beach. A number of years ago Bob Gilling and others conducted a wonderful summer kids program that took place at our beloved Opal Lake. There was canoeing, swimming, game playing and crafts. Last summer Marni Ollie, spouse of our golf course superintendent, organized a terrific kickball program for our kids. That was the catalyst for some discussion and wishful thinking about reinstating a program similar to the Opal Lake one. Well, our wish may come true this summer!

If all the details fall into place, Michaywé will again offer a children's summer activities program at Opal Lake. The program director will require parental volunteers for participating children ages 5 through 12. Please watch for more information as summer approaches. Meanwhile, there will be plenty of Opal Lake beach available for all to enjoy. See article below for the annual Opal Lake Park clean-up days. Summer hours of operation are 11 am to 7 pm. Please observe posted rules. MOA members may book the Lake House for personal use for only \$100 a day. It is a lovely location for family reunions, birthday parties and other special events. Opal Lake Park is a great place to relax in the sun or under the trees and read a book, while the children entertain themselves catching minnows and playing in the water.



Above: Drew Geyer, Avery Geyer and Rebecca Reynolds (l to r) search for minnows at Opal Lake beach

# Opal Lake Park Clean-up to be May 20 & 21

The annual cleanup of Opal Lake Park and the Lake House will be Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, starting at 9 am each day.

This is the time to get together with your friends and neighbors to get the park ready for summer activities such as swimming and sunbathing. Of course, the Opal Lake Park picnics and the Chili Cook Off, always well-attended each year, depend on having clean picnic tables, grills and a spotless kitchen. Winter debris needs to be removed; the beach needs raking; the beach volleyball court needs refurbishment; in short, there is much to be done.

You don't have to work all day, even a few hours will make a difference. Please mark your calendar and come down to the park on one of those days to help out. After all, it is YOUR park!

If you have any questions, please call the Opal Lake Park Committee chair, Harriet Genberg, at 989-939-8736.



Right: Ann Wilson gives a lounge chair a thorough scrubbing on the beach at Opal Lake Park

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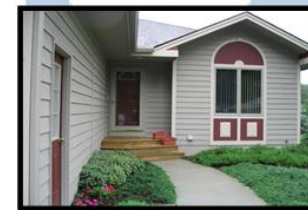
Nicely updated chalet with view of the 7th hole of Mountain Lakes Golf Course. Open and spacious home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, stone fireplace with insert and oversized garage for the toys. MLS #270329  
**\$123,800**



Nice 3 bedroom home with split floor plan, hardwood floors, cathedral ceiling, huge stone fireplace and wood stove in family room. New forced air heating system, roof carpet, trim, drainfield, hot water heater and air condition. MLS #269012  
**\$129,000**



Two bedroom, two bath cozy home has vaulted ceiling in living area with an open staircase leading to a large loft bedroom. Wood ceilings throughout. Two large decks, 10x12 shed plus a detached garage for all your toys! MLS #270837  
**\$67,900**



Open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths and main floor laundry. Finished lower level has planked wood ceiling and large windows overlooking Whispering Lake. Many special features in this upgraded condo! MLS #270334  
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One of a kind bi-level home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on a large lot. Featuring field stone fireplace and propane stove in large family room. Cedar-lined closets, cement block foundation, lower-level finished and 2-car attached garage. MLS #267230  
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Quality insulated concrete floor construction on spacious lot. Exterior completed. Interior needs to be finished. Septic system in place. Sizes based on potential floor plans. Floor plan available upon request. MLS #265703  
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# Mason Previews Golf Events for 2011

I'll be promoting Michaywé and the Pines course when I attend the West Michigan Golf Show on February 11-13 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. Then I'll head to Novi for the Michigan Golf Show at the Rock Financial Showplace on March 4-6. At both of these venues I will market our course and its excellent playing conditions, booking tee times and group events for the upcoming season.

Plans are coming together for the 2011 summer season and a schedule of events is available on our website. Highlights include our Michaywé Pines for Research fundraiser which has raised \$13,071 for cancer research since the inaugural event in 2009, monthly mixed scrambles, a variety of men's and ladies leagues, and many more events for every level of golfer.

Visit [www.michaywe.com](http://www.michaywe.com) to learn more about the Pines Golf Course, special offers and packages including our Michaywé Madness weekend unlimited specials. Season Pass and Play Card applications are available online. As a MOA member in good standing you are entitled to special rates and these rates are also extended to guests playing in your group. The web site offers a link for easy tee time reservations. Feel free to contact me at [golf@michaywe.com](mailto:golf@michaywe.com) or 989-939-8911 with any questions as you plan for the 2011 golf season. Think spring!

Judy Mason, Director of Golf




**Michaywé Winter Festival**

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MOA Clubhouse

Chili and hot dogs will be provided.

There will be fun activities inside and outside so remember to dress for both!

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