

Hazelhurst Highlights

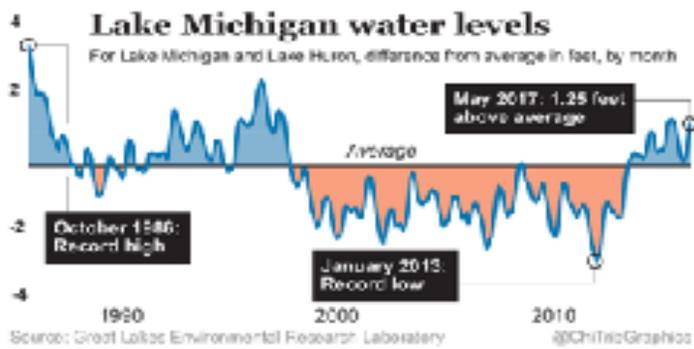
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Boosted by above-average rainfall this spring, Lake Michigan is on pace to swell to its highest water level in two decades.

The rising water, which could climb more than 1 1/2 feet above its long-term average this month (June, 2017), has swallowed up mounds of beach along Illinois' shoreline and created an opportunity for taller, stronger waves that could accelerate erosion. With Army Corps of Engineers' forecasts suggesting Lake Michigan could remain high through the next six months, communities may experience powerful autumn storms that could pulverize lakefront property.

Rising water levels were brought on, in part, by an unexpected deluge this spring. Chicago saw 43 % more precipitation than usual, including an April with nearly double the normal rainfall, according to data from the [National Weather Service](#).

"We always think of the Great Lakes as responding very slowly to these events, but they can actually be moving rather quickly," said Illinois State Climatologist Jim Angel.

During 15 years of persistently low levels, Lake Michigan dipped to a record low in January 2013. In a dramatic reversal, two years later it rebounded nearly 4 feet, largely because of increased ice cover from back-to-back polar vortex winters that limited evaporation. Lake levels have continued to be elevated, though they are still 2 feet below the record high set in 1986.

Periods of high and low lake levels have drawbacks, said Keith Kompoltowicz, chief of watershed hydrology for the Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District.

For a decade and a half, we had low lake levels, which create mainly access-related issues, according to Kompoltowicz. "You can't get your boat into the harbor. A commercial vessel carries less cargo because of insufficient depth. There's much more shoreline exposed which may increase the amount of unsightly vegetation that grows.

Water levels on all five Great Lakes — the world's largest system of freshwater lakes — currently exceed their historical average. Lakes Michigan, Huron, Superior and Erie are expected to reach their highest average monthly levels since the late 1990s, while Lake Ontario rose in May to its highest average mark since agencies began keeping records in 1918, the Army Corps announced in June, 2017.

The Great Lakes water levels generally peak in the summer after they are nourished by runoff from melting snow and rain in spring. So, forecasts initially predicted a slight decline in lake levels this summer compared

with last year, because of mild winter temperatures and relatively little snowfall and ice cover. However, experts found themselves surprised when "the faucet turned on" over the Great Lakes region in April and May, Kompoltowicz said.

Chicago saw 13.7 inches of precipitation during the spring, more than 4 inches above normal, according to the National Weather Service. The downpours appear to be continuing with half an inch of rain recorded at O'Hare International Airport and 1 inch at Midway Airport on Wednesday.

Angel, the climatologist, said the sizable bump in Great lakes water levels is connected to an increase in heavy rainfall documented across the area. Springtime in Illinois has become about 15 percent wetter over the last century, a trend Angel attributes to climate change.

"The concept is that as you warm up the atmosphere, it is able to hold more water and the next thunderstorm can then take that moisture," he said. "So there is a direct link between these heavy rainfalls and climate change."

Experts also suspect lake evaporation was stunted over the winter. Usually, ice cover dictates how much evaporation can occur, but heavy cloud cover and warmer air temperatures likely contributed to less evaporation. Peak evaporation usually happens in late fall, when arctic air meets the relatively warm surface water. But last winter was not that cold, Kompoltowicz said. "It's often a battle between how much water is coming in versus how much is leaving," he said.

Forecasts by the Army Corps of Engineers indicate Lake Michigan levels will stay above their historic average heading into the fall, a season in which powerful storms have historically punished the Illinois shoreline.

During the 2014 Halloween storm, when lake levels were about a foot lower, winds whipped up 20-foot waves, which flooded Lake Shore Drive and tore away large slabs of asphalt along the Lakefront Trail on the Near North Side. Pointing to the water lapping at the side of a concrete berm, Guinazzo said he recalled seeing 20-foot waves washing onto Lake Shore several years ago.

"If we get those storms now, the people on the other side of the road will be in trouble."

Article submitted by: Doug Elrick.



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Huge thanks to Larry, Dawn, Leo, Sue, Bill, Karen, Layton, and Nancy for the laughs while clearing the overgrowth and strangling vines around the Junior Clubhouse !

By: Jean McTaggart

DID YOU KNOW?

“Des Moines” is a French name – it means, “The Moines.”

FROM THE CAMP CHAIR

By: Larry Bergman

Thank you to all who attended the Fall Operations Meeting. What a great meeting! Not only were many of the committees represented, in person and via conference phone, but also many siteholders came to share some concerns, but mostly ideas and future planning.

I believe the theme of the Operations Meeting was “why stop now??” There is still much to do. Here are a summary of some of the plans discussed and their status.

- Red Barn floor, stage and entrance doors. The Stage floor which must be repaired first, followed by the barn floor repair and replacement of current doors with more robust doors that meet ADA dimensions. Presently, \$15,000.00 has been approved and reserved for this project. Larry Bergman currently has this action item and will be revisiting the repair scenarios and establishing a repair method and budget.
- Basket Ball Court. The current court has cracks, some of which are significant. The basketball court was not included when the Tennis Court was resurfaced due to the fact that the basketball court is coated with tar asphalt, which must be removed before repair or recoating. This year I was received a verbal quote of up to \$9,000.00 for this repair. There is also much interest in Pickle Ball (a combination of badminton, tennis and ping pong), which this court may accommodate or we may modify some boundaries on the tennis court, which is more spacious. Vern and Larry both have this action item and will put the pricing together.
- New Play Ground Equipment. The present equipment we installed almost 20 years ago and is need of upgrades. You may recall that Zoe Elrick did an extensive amount of work on this several years ago when funds were tight. Now with several

more years on the age of the equipment and some additional funds available it is time to revisit this project.

Sue Kursack and Ellen Elrick are now championing this effort.

- Sunset Point Benches. The present benches are quite deteriorated and need to be replaced. Everyone seems to be quite fond of the “Bill Rosenthal” bench. I wonder if he could customize his design for the Point?
- Pavilion. This is in early planning stages with respect to cost, feasibility, design and usage. This pavilion could be used for but not limited to; Annual Meetings, Fourth of July Picnic, Ice cream social, morning coffee, possible weddings, etc. As per present discussions, there are currently 2 slabs at the Farmhouse. The east slab or the one closest to Red Arrow would stay as is. The other slab which is approximately 50’ x 27’ would be replaced by a new slab of approximately 80’ x 40’ and covered by a structure similar to the Pavilion at Chikaming park. This project will require the Siteholders Approval. Action Item: Larry and Vern....and anyone else interested.
- Tree Plantings. Do we need more trees? YES in a few places. Most of the yellow pines around sunset point and along the NE property line have exceeded the life span and have diplodius tip blight. You will note that around the point many are already dead. There is only one remaining cottonwood near are beach fore dune. Scheduling is now in discussion as to when would be the best time to plant with respect to the plants survival.

HAZELHURST BOOK CLUB READING LIST FOR 2018:

(Slow readers - start now!)

1. “Moonglow,” by Michael Chabon
2. “Travels with Charley,” by John Steinbeck
3. “A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel, Amor Towles”
4. “The Old Wives' Tale,” by Arnold Bennett

5. "The Hidden Life of Trees," by Peter Wohlleben



AUTUMN WINDS AT DUNE PARK

By: Rick Krumbacher

I'm always drawn back to the Indiana Dunes, especially spring and fall. My parents dated at the Prairie Club beach house there. My Mom and my aunt Katie were staying at the beach house one bright Sunday when someone with a battery-powered radio ran in and announced that something was going rather badly wrong in Hawaii. That was on December 7, 1941.

I always assume that everyone in the Prairie Club is familiar with the beach house, which is absurd of course. I only got to stay there a few times because the beach house crowd wasn't fond of children and so no one under the age of 12 was allowed to sleep there. That pushed most of the Boomer crowd to Hazelhurst and hastened the demise of the beach house, as the beach house crowd gradually dwindled. I only got to sleep there because Dad ignored the rule and took me along.

The beach house was the most beautiful place to sleep on earth, just above the beach, the breeze rustling the trees and waves kissing the shore all night. Canvas over screened windows meant that you slept with nature, winter or summer. Believe it or not, my Dad used to go swimming on his birthday, but only if someone bet that he wouldn't. He was born on February 13. I have a photograph somewhere of Dad in the great room at the beach house in swim trunks, smoking a massive cigar, grinning beside a guy in a coon-skinned coat who just lost a bet.

Aunt Katie had joined the Club in the mid 1930's and her friend, Marjorie Patton followed soon after. At some point, Katie introduced Marge to Katie's kid brother – Shep Crumpacker, and the rest is of course history, though interrupted for several years following events at Pearl Harbor. In fact, Dad was already in uniform, having been drafted in the summer of 1941.

After the war, my parents were active in the Prairie Swingers square dance group, the Prairie Club canoe group and at PC camps at Palos, Deer Grove, the beach house and Hazelhurst. The beach house featured barracks-style sleeping, men in the west wing and women in the east. You brought your own groceries and cooked in the communal kitchen on propane stoves. You paid a fee for linen, which was like 30 cents.

Mom and Katie would spend weekends at the beach house for less than a dollar, for which they were quite grateful, being students at Northwestern during the Depression. They would save a newspaper and some matches. Going home Sunday evenings after dark, they'd walk the long lane back to Tremont and when the South Shore train came around the bend, they'd roll the newspaper and set it on fire, wave it up and down a few times and the train would stop and pick them up. Flag service on the interurban line.

Mom and Katie spent a weekend at the farmhouse at Hazelhurst once, but they didn't feel particularly welcome. Different crowds within the club – the farmhouse crowd looked askance at the beach house crowd, and vice versa, one can assume.

My parents didn't marry until 1950, after which they moved into a little house on Burgundy Street in South Bend. If you want to see the house, walk past Cottage # 30 on Ravine Road – Dad drew blueprints of the

Burgundy house and had a copy of it built in what was then a blow-out where people had been throwing trash. A year ago, leveling up my walkway, I dug up a delicate little perfume bottle.

A RESOURCE FOR ILLINOIS RIVERS

By: Layton Olson

Prairie Rivers Network, started in 1967 to improve rivers in Central Illinois, is one of the conservation organizations working on the US Corps of Engineers Asian carp management plan for the Des Plaines River near Joliet.

With a number of researchers and agriculture leader from the Champaign-Urbana area, you can learn more at <https://prairierivers.org>

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Pick up **rider packets** between the hours of 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. E.D.T. at the Three Oaks Elementary School. Starting at 10 a.m. E.D.T. on Saturday and Sunday starting at 6 a.m., **bicycle shop displays** will be located outside in display tents until 10 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday afternoon Ice Cream Social, at the Dewey Cannon Park from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. E.D.T.

Duplicate Confirmation Letters Can be obtained with a photo ID at the Information Table.

NO GROUP PICK UP of REGISTRATIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Parking on Sunday: as early as 5 a.m. at multiple areas throughout the Village. From Three Oaks Elementary School, you will be directed where to park.

Sunday morning packet pick-up begins at 6:00 a.m. E.D.T. at the Three Oaks Elementary School. Signs and security personnel will direct you to the start & finish location of Three Oaks Elementary School (T.O.E.S.). Parking is available at the elementary school and also parking just west of downtown Three Oaks off of US-12. **Registration closes at 12:00 noon E.D.T.**

Breakfast on Sunday morning is from 6:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. E.D.T. and is an all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage and choice of beverage at a cost of \$6.00 for adults, while children 12 & under are free. Tickets may be purchased in advance via our registration form or at the door on the morning of the ride.

Departing time for the ACC is up to you. You may start at any time between daybreak Sunday morning, approximately 7:30 a.m., until 12:00 noon E.D.T. We insist all Century Riders depart on or before 10:00 a.m. E.D.T.

When choosing a route, riders may choose the flat 15/25/37 mile routes or the rolling hills of the 50/62/75 mile routes. Set your own pace, but you must finish the distance before dark, approximately 7:30 p.m. E.D.T. All riders must be off the routes at that time.

The ACC route map in your registration packet shows all **SAG stop locations**, found approximately every 15-20 miles. SAG stops will be open for a set time only, so check your map for times of operation.

All registered riders will receive a **Certificate of Recognition** in their Rider Packet. After completing your ride the Certificate must be taken to the Information Table in the Three Oaks Elementary School to be embossed with the mileage ridden (15, 25, 37, 50, 62, 75 or 100 miles).

On Sunday, from 12:00 noon to 7 p.m. E.D.T., an all-you-can-eat **Spaghetti Dinner** will be served at Three Oaks Elementary School.

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THE BIG SICK

Synopsis: Based on the real-life courtship between Kumail Nanjiani and Emily V. Gordon, **THE BIG SICK** tells the story of Pakistan-born aspiring comedian Kumail (Nanjiani), who connects with grad student Emily (Kazan) after one of his standup sets. However, what they thought would be just a one-night stand blossoms into the real thing, which complicates the life that is expected of Kumail by his traditional Muslim parents. When Emily is beset with a mystery illness, it forces Kumail to navigate the medical crisis with her parents, Beth and Terry (Holly Hunter and Ray Romano) who he's never met, while dealing with the emotional tug-of-war between his family and his heart. **THE BIG SICK** is directed by Michael Showalter and producer by Judd Apatow.

Rated R (for language including some sexual references)

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