

**AUSTIN LAKE GOVERNMENTAL LAKE BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR
AUSTIN LAKE AERATION AND BIOAUGMENTATION PROJECT**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board ("ALGLB") has declared its intention to proceed with the following described public improvement:

Decrease the muck level in the South Bay of Austin Lake with an aeration and bioaugmentation system,

and has designated the Special Assessment District against which all or a part of the cost of said improvement is to be assessed as consisting of all the following described land, to wit:

All parcels with shoreline (riparians) on Austin Lake, the City of Portage (at large) and the County of Kalamazoo (at large)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Assessment Roll has been prepared and is on file in the offices of both the Portage City Clerk and the Kalamazoo County Clerk for public examination during regular working hours on regular working days; and said Special Assessment Roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying that part of the cost which the ALGLB has decided should be paid and borne by the Special Assessment for the above described public improvement project in the City of Portage. ***The following is a summary of the apportionments proposed:*** The assessment is for five years, beginning in 2012. The City of Portage (at-large) will be assessed \$5000 annually and the County of Kalamazoo (at-large) will be assessed \$2000 annually. The riparian parcel owners on the South Bay of Austin Lake (between and including 3077 Woodhams and 10031 Woodlawn) will be assessed \$574 annually and the remaining riparian parcel owners will be assessed \$80 annually.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the ALGLB will meet on the 18th day of January, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., local time, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at Portage City Hall – Council Chambers, 7900 S. Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI 49002 for the purpose of reviewing the Special Assessment Roll, at which time and place an opportunity will be given to all persons interested to be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property that is specially assessed may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Any person or local unit of government objecting to the assessment roll shall file his or her objection in writing with the chairperson before the close of the hearing. The ALGLB shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

Dated: December 19, 2011



Ed Sackley
Chair, Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board