

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

"making a difference in the life of our lakes and our community"

NOVEMBER, 2023

President's Letter

2023 is now quickly fading away after another enjoyable year on our beautiful lakes. Reflecting back on accomplishments in 2023, your TLPOA organization:

- Operated the East Twin aeration system for the 18th straight year to continue reducing the amount of muck in the lake
- Applied herbicide treatments at specific locations in West Twin to control the further expansion of the Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) invasive species
- Applied phosphorous absorbing material in the East Twin canal to help reduce phosphorus levels in the lake
- Supported the Michigan DNR in a multi-year walleye study started this year in both East and West Twin
- Continued to educate our membership on the value of healthy shoreline management including our continued support of the Albert Township Greenbelt zoning ordinance
- Published four informational newsletters for our membership
- Held several membership social activities

Thanks to your continued membership support, your TLPOA organization remains financially healthy, allowing us to proceed with several new initiatives for 2024. Among these is a more comprehensive water quality testing project on both East and West Twin. The new data produced from this project in conjunction with the data we continue to receive from the Michigan Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) will provide us valuable insight on the current health of our lakes and help obtain grant funding from the State of Michigan if any corrective actions to improve our lakes are warranted.

Additionally, a program designed to reduce the number of geese on our lakes is now in the planning stages. Increased goose populations have been a problem for many of our lakeshore residents and is a contributing factor for increased phosphorus levels in our lakes. Watch for more details on this project in the spring.

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Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.

Pat Kish, Editor

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And finally, we are pleased to announce an updated TLPOA website that will soon allow for electronic membership renewal and payments. This will provide you another option for renewing your membership and hopefully make it more convenient to attract new members to the TLPOA.

As we wind down the year, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our TLPOA members a happy and joyous holiday season. I'm looking forward to 2024.

Tom Conquest

In and around the lakes..

- **Wendy Huston** has given notice that she will resign as **TLPOA Treasurer** effective January 1, 2024. **Colin Gibbings**, a current Board member, has stepped up to volunteer as treasurer on that date. Many thanks to Wendy for her excellent work as treasurer, and to Colin for taking on this important responsibility.
- Every other year, the TLPOA contracts with PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. to do a **vegetation survey** of both lakes. The survey report will list the types and locations of vegetation present in our lakes and use this information to monitor and treat invasive species such as Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). The cost of the survey is estimated to be \$5,500 and the budgeted cost for EWM treatment for 2024 will be \$6,000.
- The **August general membership meeting** was well attended with approximately 60 members present. If you were unable to attend the membership meeting or would simply like to review the mounds of information presented, please visit the TLPOA website where the presentations have been posted.
- The **Wine and Cheese Party** hosted by Theresa and John Scott on West Twin Lake was a huge success with many TLPOA members in attendance. Background music was provided by the KuffLink's, courtesy of the Twin Lakes Shores Resort and Smith Realty.

For more information regarding the activities of the TLPOA Board, please read the Board Minutes posted on the TLPOA website at <https://www.tlpoalewistonmi.com/meeting-minutes>. Board meetings are open to the public. If you would like to learn more about serving on the TLPOA Board or volunteer to work on specific projects such as social events or water testing, please send an email to twinlakeslewiston@gmail.com.

Learn about Michigan's inland lakes online from MSU Extension



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**MSU Extension
Center for Lakes and Streams**

Registration for the award-winning Michigan State University Extension [Introduction to Lakes Online](#) course is now open! This introductory six-week online course kicks off January 30 and is designed for anyone interested in inland lakes including concerned residents, decision makers, local leaders, and lakefront property owners.

Course topics include lake ecology, watershed management, shoreline protection, aquatic plants, Michigan water law, and community engagement. These six topics are explored online through video lectures, interactive activities, and discussion forums. Course instructors include faculty from MSU Extension and state agency personnel.

Registration is open now through January 24, 2024 at a cost of \$115 per person. Register by January 12, 2024, for an early bird price of \$95 per person. Learn more and register at www.canr.msu.edu/lakesonline.

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

Statement of Activities for January 1 to September 30, 2023

	Total		General Fund		Aeration		Eurasian Watermilfoil	
	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date
REVENUES								
Lake Stewardships	18,000	11,850	18,000	11,850				
Family Memberships	5,000	4,705	5,000	4,705				
Interest	200	638	200	638				
Other	-	1,435	-	1,435				
Aeration	8,250	6,660			8,250	6,660		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
Total Revenue	31,450	25,288	23,200	18,628	8,250	6,660	-	-
EXPENSES								
Education	1,000	354	1,000	354				
Memberships and Communication	1,500	1,724	1,500	1,724				
Insurance	1,100	1,042	1,100	1,042				
Advertising and Public Relations	1,000	197	1,000	197				
Postal Expense	1,000	844	1,000	844				
Membership Events	600	341	600	341				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	5,800	5,930	5,800	5,930				
Contingency	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Organizational	1,000	277	1,000	277				
Community Donations & Events	5,000	306	5,000	306				
Aeration	7,000	6,827			7,000	6,827		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	5,000	4,739					5,000	4,739
Total Expenses	31,000	22,580	19,000	11,015	7,000	6,827	5,000	4,739
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	450	2,708	4,200	7,613	1,250	(167)	(5,000)	(4,739)
2023 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		197,199		93,640		12,827		90,732
Balance Cash and CD at September 2023		199,907		101,253		12,660		85,994

Who you gonna call? *Goose Busters!*

After receiving many complaints about the burgeoning goose population around our lakes, the TLPOA Board is in the process of contracting with the Goose Busters company to help decrease the goose population.



To do so, the Board first was required to obtain permission from the townships surrounding East and West Twin Lakes. Albert Township has granted permission and we will be applying for a permit from Charlton Township (which includes a small portion of properties in the northwest corner of West Twin Lake) in early November.

Goose Busters will control the goose population by relocating the geese to the Upper Peninsula or by destroying their nests. Goose Busters is licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

We all love wild birds, but not the mess they leave behind. These deposits make their way into the lake and increase the phosphorus in the lake, which decreases water quality. Canada Geese can spread parasites and E. coli. In addition, Canada geese are often aggressive.

TLPOA 2024 Membership Drive

Memberships for 2024 are due and now it has become much easier to join! You can now join online by using the following link: www.tlpoalewistonmi.com and clicking on the Join Now button! The following are the **top ten reasons why you should be a member of the Twin Lakes Property Association.**

10. You will be invited to **dynamite social events** - the Heart of the Summer bash and the Wine and Cheese party which give you a chance to have fun with your lake neighbors!

9. You will know when the fabulous **4th of July Boat parades** will be! (*Hint:* it may not be July 4th)

8. You help us **protect East & West Twin Lakes**, which we've been doing since 1980. That's a long time!

7. You'll help us manage **6 important programs** that protect our lakes –

- East Twin **aeration**
- West Twin **Eurasian watermilfoil** containment
- shoreline management education
- East Twin **phosphorus mitigation**
- participation in Michigan CLMP **water quality monitoring** program
- and last but not least, **our new Canada Goose Control program.**

These initiatives help keep our lakes clean and healthy. What would the lakes do without us!



Photo of East Twin Lake by Sue Sikorski

6. You will support our **all-volunteer organization**. Hardworking, dedicated individuals put in their own time to make the TLPOA work for you. So if nothing else, give everyone a big hand!

5. You'll be up to date on all the happenings from our **quarterly newsletter**. It's a great read. You won't want to miss it!

4. You'll be **giving back to our community** since we also support other local organizations. Hurrah for us and you!

3. You'll be invited to two **informative members meetings** every year - Memorial Weekend and late in August to keep you up to date on all the things going on. We keep them short too!

2. By helping to preserve the health and beauty of our lakes, the TLPOA works year-round to protect **your own personal investment** in lakefront property.

1. Your annual **dues are a mere \$35 for a Family membership or \$150 to be a prestigious Lake Steward**- You just won't find a better bargain anywhere!

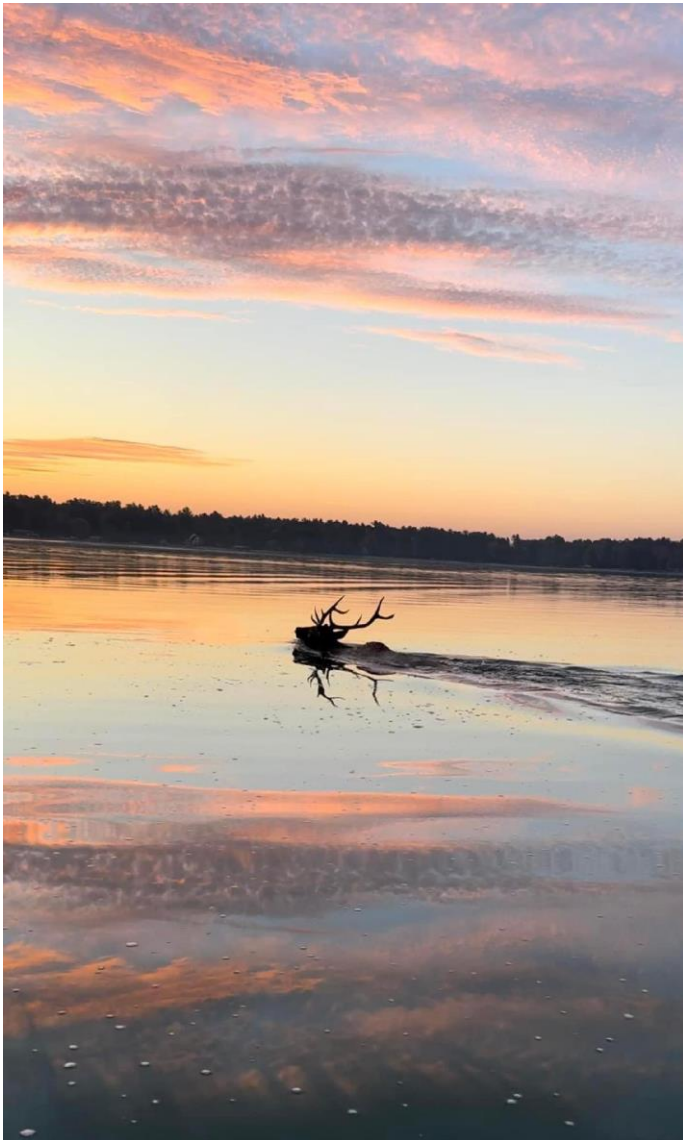
If that's not enough to convince you to **join such a dynamite organization** I'm not sure what to tell you.

So, come on, what do you say? **Join with us today, online or by mail.** Send your \$35 (or \$150 to become a Lake Steward), along with the membership form to: TLPOA, PO Box 807, Lewiston, MI, 49756.

We will be eternally grateful and you'll be happy that you're doing your part to protect West and East Twin Lakes. Do it right now before you forget!

News Flash!!! We have upgraded our website so that you can **now join TLPOA online**. So, if you don't want to fill out the paper form and mail it in simply go to: <https://www.tlpoalewistonmi.com> and click on the **Join Today** button.

Bull Elk Sited on West Twin Lake



We are all grateful Craig Snyder and Mike and Renae Davis had their cameras ready when the north shore of West Twin Lake got a visitor on an early morning in last month.

Craig Snyder captured the photo at left of a magnificent bull elk on an equally magnificent early October morning. Many thanks to Craig for sharing this amazing photo with us.

If you would like to see a video of the elk taken by Mike and Renae Davis, please to go the TLPOA website at [Various Items | TLPOA Lewiston, MI \(tlpoalewistonmi.com\)](https://www.tlpoalewistonmi.com). A screenshot from the video is shown below.



Congratulations to **Lance and Lynel Harding** of West Twin Lake for winning the 2023 TLPOA Greenbelt Award. The Greenbelt Award is presented to lakeshore owners who exemplify the objectives of keeping their greenbelt natural and in keeping with the Albert Township Greenbelt Ordinance. East Twin lakeshores are eligible during even-numbered years and West Twin lakeshores are eligible during odd-numbered years.



Thanking Our 2023 Lake Stewards

The TLPOA Board would like to recognize and extend our gratitude to those listed below who generously decided to be Lake Stewards in 2023. These contributions are above and beyond donations made to the Aeration or Eurasian Watermilfoil Funds. Collections from Lake Stewardships, as well as Basic Family Memberships dues go into the TLPOA's General Fund and make so many things possible including lake surveys and monitoring, as well as social events.

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☐ Send my newsletters (except during November's membership drive) by email only.

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Email Address(es) _____

Primary Mailing Address _____

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Lake Address _____

Telephone () _____ ☐ East Twin Lake ☐ West Twin Lake

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS

	<i>Membership Dues or Suggested Contribution Amounts</i>	<i>My Lake Contribution</i>
Membership Dues Lake Stewardship provides additional funding for special projects to study and maintain a healthy lake ecology and benefit the lake community.	\$150 Lake Stewardship or \$35 Basic Family Membership	\$
Aeration Suggested Contribution Your contribution will allow the TLPOA to maintain the aeration system on East Twin Lake, including replacing parts as needed, and paying for electricity. Suggested contribution rates based on lake frontage owned are shown at right. We welcome all levels of contribution!	Lakefront Owners Less than 75 ft. of lake frontage \$50 75 to 125 ft. of lake frontage \$75 More than 125 ft. of lake frontage \$100 Shared Access \$25	\$
Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatment Generous contributions from our membership along with grants from Montmorency County have allowed the TLPOA to respond quickly to control EWM and have covered the anticipated costs of surveying and treating infested areas.	We are currently funded at a sufficient level to meet current needs and have suspended our requests for funding. Thank you!	
MY TOTAL LAKE CONTRIBUTION		\$

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT! PLEASE MAIL TODAY!

The TLPOA is a 501(c)(3) public charity and your contribution may be deductible if you itemize your deductions on your tax return. Consult your tax adviser for details.

Please make your check payable to TLPOA and mail to

P.O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756

New! Now you can pay your TLPOA dues and donate to the TLPOA online!

Members of the TLPOA Board have been working with Carrie's Creations, a website designer and host, to make the TLPOA website better serve its members' needs and make it more convenient to make payments. New and renewing members can now use the following link to pay their dues and make donations via PayPal: www.tlpoalewistonmi.com/ and click on



Renew/Join

Don't want to pay online? New and renewing members may continue to print and fill in the membership form available on Page 7 of this newsletter or on our website and mail a check to TLPOA, P. O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756.

We welcome your feedback. If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to twinlakeslewiston@gmail.com.

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**DO YOU NEED TO RENEW YOUR TLPOA MEMBERSHIP? RENEW TODAY!
PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR LAKES HEALTHY!**