

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

“making a difference in the life of our lakes and our community”

November, 2024

President's Letter

I hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather this fall on our lakes. While the warm weather is certainly welcome knowing that winter is just around the corner, the lack of rain this fall has had a detrimental effect on lake levels of both lakes which are now at the lowest levels in over two years. Hopefully, some late-fall rain and plenty of winter snow will prop up the water levels for next spring.

I always like to close out the year with a list of accomplishments from your TLPOA Board of Directors who try to represent our membership as much as possible. Over the past year, the TLPOA:

- Operated the East Twin aeration system for the 19th straight year to continue reducing the amount of muck in the lake
- Applied two separate herbicide treatments at specific locations in West Twin to control the further expansion of the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM).
- Continued to participate in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) which maintains a database of lake health for many lakes in Michigan.
- Conducted Aquatic Vegetation Acoustic Surveys (AVAS) on both East and West Twin Lakes.
- Continued supporting the Michigan DNR in a multi-year walleye study started last year in both East and West Twin Lakes.
- Issued formal positions to the Albert Township Board:
 - Requesting the Greenbelt setback not be shortened to a 55-foot setback but be kept at the current 75-foot distance
 - Recommending several initiatives be incorporated into the Albert Township Master Plan currently being generated to maintain the high quality of our lakes. This includes recommendations from Huron Pines contained in their Lewiston Stormwater Assessment.
 - Requesting a new marina application near the East Twin public beach be rejected due to safety concerns.
- Hired the Spicer Group to conduct more detailed water testing on both East and West Twin to provide water quality data above and beyond what we obtain from the CLMP program
- Began a relationship with a company called Goose Busters to help control the number of geese in and around our lakes
- Initiated an electronic payment system for collecting membership dues by credit card or PayPal
- Published four informational newsletters for our membership
- Held a Wine & Cheese Party for our membership

As you can see, it was a busy year in which we couldn't accomplish as nearly much without the volunteer and financial support from our TLPOA membership. As always if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, we would love to hear from you. I hope you all have a joyful and meaningful holiday season.

Tom Conquest

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Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.

Pat Kish, Editor

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Statement of Activities for January 1 to September 30, 2024

	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	19,000	18,415	19,000	18,415				
Family Memberships	5,500	4,435	5,500	4,435				
Interest	2,500	5,411	2,500	5,411				
Other	1,000	1,475	1,000	1,475				
Aeration	8,250	9,435			8,250	9,435		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
Total Revenue	36,250	39,171	28,000	29,736	8,250	9,435	-	-
EXPENSES								
Education	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Memberships and Communication	2,500	2,170	2,500	2,170				
Insurance	1,150	1,151	1,150	1,151				
Advertising and Public Relations	1,000	30	1,000	30				
Postal Expense	1,500	1,142	1,500	1,142				
Membership Events	1,000	1,013	1,000	1,013				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	42,000	17,379	42,000	17,379				
Contingency	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Organizational	1,000	1,032	1,000	1,032				
Community Donations & Events	5,000	2,850	5,000	2,850				
Aeration	8,500	6,665			8,500	6,665		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	11,000	9,033					11,000	9,033
Total Expenses	76,650	42,464	57,150	26,766	8,500	6,665	11,000	9,033
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	(40,400)	(3,293)	(29,150)	2,970	(250)	2,770	(11,000)	(9,033)
2024 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		207,015		107,228		13,793		85,993
Balance Cash and CD at September 30, 2024		203,721		110,198		16,563		76,960

TLPOA Annual Membership Drive

Building on the many 2024 TLPOA accomplishments listed by Tom Conquest in his President's Letter on the front page of this newsletter, here are even more reasons to renew or begin your TLPOA membership.

- ❖ You will help the TLPOA **protect East & West Twin Lakes**, which we've been doing since 1980. That's a long time!
- ❖ You will be providing funding for the **Lewiston Lake Living newsletter**. They don't print and mail themselves!
- ❖ You will support our **all-volunteer organization**. Hardworking, dedicated individuals who put in their own time to make the TLPOA work for you.
- ❖ You will be **giving back to our community** since we also support other worthy local organizations. Hurrah for us and for you!
- ❖ You will be invited to two **informative members meetings** every year held on Memorial Weekend and in late August. These Saturday morning meetings keep you up to date on TLPOA activities and concerns, and we keep them short.
- ❖ You will know when the fabulous **4th of July Boat Parades** will be! It's not always July 4th.
- ❖ You'll be supporting initiatives help keep our lakes clean and healthy, preserving their beauty as well as **your own property values**.

How do you renew or sign up? It's easy!

Sorry, after listing so many reasons to join or renew, we ran out of space on this page, so please see the back of this newsletter for more information.

Albert Township is in the process of gathering information to be used to develop its Master Plan. The TLPOA Board sent the following letter to the Albert Township Board of Supervisors to reflect and emphasize the interests of our membership.

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October 15, 2024

Albert Township Board
Albert Township Office
4360 Hanson Avenue
P.O. Box 153
Lewiston, MI 49756

Board Members and Administrator,

The Executive Board of the Twin Lakes Property Owners Association (TLPOA) is encouraged by the Albert Township Board's commitment in establishing and maintaining a master plan for the continued improvement of Albert Township. In reviewing survey results thus far from the community, *clean lakes and recreational opportunities* are high priority factors listed. As an organization dedicated to maintaining the high quality of both East and West Twin Lakes, the TLPOA believes these factors should be well represented in the ultimate Township Master Plan.

Five factors the TLPOA strongly suggest be represented into the Master Plan include:

1. Improving private and public septic system regulations to better ensure water entering our lakes' watershed is clean and non-polluting. This would include supporting and enforcing any new forthcoming Michigan state regulations or enacting local 'point of sale' septic inspection.
2. Implementing Huron Pines recommendations from their 2024 Lewiston Stormwater Assessment which include additional street cleaning and implementing green infrastructure bio-swales to curb pollutants entering our lakes.
3. Maintenance of the Lewiston retention pond to ensure the pond operates as originally designed. This will properly filter storm water and prevent storm sewer water runoff containing high levels of phosphorus and other pollutants directly into our lakes.
4. Preventing further relaxation of the Greenbelt Ordinance plus strongly enforcing the ordinance. This helps maintain natural shorelines and reduced pollutants washing into the lakes thus improving our lake ecosystems critical in maintaining high quality lakes.
5. Supporting and participation into Canadian Geese control and culling efforts. Increased number of geese are becoming a nuisance for many areas around the township. Goose droppings are a significant factor in higher levels of phosphorus directly entering our lakes and can be a public health hazard.

Thanks for your consideration to include these factors into the Albert Township Master Plan. Our TLPOA will continue supporting your efforts in developing the plan. If you have any questions or comments to these suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Tom Conquest
President, TLPOA Board of Directors
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TLPOA Wine and Cheese Party

We had a great turnout at the TLPOA Wine and Cheese Party held on August 23, 2024, and hosted by Pete and Susan Stephens at their scenic Twin Lakes Shore Resort. It was a wonderful way to catch up with our lake neighbors and friends while sampling good wine and delicious food.

Party-goers were treated to the music of the Kufflinks duo.

Many thanks to Pete and Susan for their generous hospitality!



Autumn Lakeshore



While summer may be the season that first comes to mind when thinking about our lakes, fall is absolutely stunning.

Photos by Tom Conquest

The Barn on M32

Travelling from Lewiston to Gaylord on M32 are you in the habit of peering westward into the distance to check on the leaning barn on M32? Is it still standing? Will *this* time will be the *last* time you see it still (somewhat) upright? At the time of publication, it was. But for live stream updates, there's a website with a live feed: <https://www.barnon32.com/>

According to the website, the barn itself predates 1936, when the land and barn were purchased by William and Olive Hansen. The barn and surrounding land were purchased by their great-grandson Dean Gapinski and his wife Sara in 2018. Dean and Sara considered saving the barn, but at the time there were other priorities, so they decided to allow the barn to fall and perhaps someday build a replica using the original barnwood.

As their website states, "Since we have owned it, we have discovered what a landmark this barn is for everyone who travels along M32. We have seen pictures of our barn in many social media posts, on websites for sale, on the news, on t-shirts and coming soon it will be the cover of a locally written book!"



Our Award Winning TLPOA Members



Mary and Bob Walter, owners of the Twin Lakes Marina, with the coveted TLPOA Chickadee Award in recognition of their service to the lake community.



The 2024 Greenbelt Award promoting healthy lakeshores was awarded to Steve and Mary Beth Coppo of East Twin Lake.

Thanking Our 2024 Lake Stewards

The TLPOA Board would like to recognize and extend our gratitude to those listed below who generously chose to be Lake Stewards in 2024. 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 many efforts possible, including lake surveys and monitoring, and social events.

Meridian Heights/Fernwood Beach POA	Tim & Alyssa Hemmelgarn	The Owczarek Family
Holiday Park Association/ Johnson Subdivision	David & Sandra Hess	David & Mary Paffi
Pine Beach Association	Dick & Judy Horning	Tom & Bonnie Page
Twin Lakes Marina, Inc.	Larry & Katherine Howell	Scott & Heather Pesonen
Peter & Mary Albertson	Shawn & Wendy Huston	Mark & Kathy Peters
John & Molly Anderson	Donna Hyek	Don & Sis Pierce
The Ash Family	Jan & John Jackson	Stan & Shawntae Podulka
Gwen & Harry Ashbaugh	The Jerome Family	Glen & Laura Pruden
Tim & Chris Austin	John & Kimberly Jetts	Elizabeth Gauthier Rabaut
Joseph Balhorn	Gene & Diane Johnson	Curtis & Nancy Render
Mark McGrath & Nancy Baltzer	Ron Johnson & Joni Elward	Erma & Michael Rhadigan
Dennis & Debbie Bashur	Keith & Jennifer Kamprath	Shawn & Tracy Richards
Jerry & Sue Beattie	David Kator & Mary Ellen Charnley	Jay & Patty Rife
Delmer Beaupre	Lawrence Kebbe	Teresa Collins & Mike Rinke
Damanpreet & Nicole Bedi	Alan & Marilynne Kiriluk	Ken & Nancy Rinke
Mike & Julie Boyd	The Kirkendall Family	James & Andrea Risk
Richard & Marie Bracci	Ken & Pat Kish	Kevin & Rosann Roose
Jane Chapoton	Virgil & Ellen Klein	Neil McMichael/Michael Roth
Ray & Sandy Cieslinski	Skip & Debbie Knapp	Judy Ryan
Mary E. Clark	Robert & Barbara Kopf	Tomas & Kate Salas
Sharon S. Clayton	Vaughn & Stella Koshkarian	Michael & Diane Saunders
Tom & Carol Clippard	Jeanine Lortt & Bill Krawczyk	Kathy & Ivan Savitsky
Tom & Pam Conquest	Jim & Marilyn Lane	Paul & Deborah Schmitz
Wendy P. Cooper	Paul & Wendy Lange	Greg & June Schurig
Daniel & Anne Danosky	Tim & Shannon Lapointe	Eric & Donna Schuster
Michael & Renae Davis	Gerry and Ann Lapshan	Otto Schwanke
Daniel Dennis	David & Tina Larson	Teresa & John Scott
Robert & Brandy Denton	Leinweber/Rabaut Family Cottage LLC	Will & Trisha Scott
Richard & Cheryl Dodt	John & Sharon Lucas	Jim & Linda Sezwick
Darcy Dombrowski	The Lunden Family	William & Laurie Sheffer
Jim & Jean Dome	Michael & Donna Maddin	Daniel & Beth Sherbert
Lynn & David Donell	Michael & Michelle Maher	Pete & Susan Stephens
Tim & Linda Dykstra	Nicholaos & Janet Makris	Robert & Michele Stevenson
Gordon & Cheryl Eckardt	Ken & Wendy Maly	Scott & Catherine Stoddard
The Faucher Family	Timothy Manganello	Frank & Nancy Stoneking
Ken & Lisa Finlay	Dominic & Martha Manzi	Greg & Jill Tilley
Kevin & Nancy Fogle	Steve Maranowski	The Tosch Family
Jim & Carrie Gaeschke	Ted & Hope May	Pete & Diane Tsaprazis
Neil & Cindy Gallaway	Jeff & Marsha McDonald	Chris & Dave Vavro
Ryan & Ashley Gerber	Chris & Kari McKenzie	Glen & Jan Vogelsang
Jill & Kelly Gerlinger	Martha M McLeod	Mike & Barb Vogt
Tad Gerlinger	John & Jean McNally	Heather Wagner
Colin & Frances Gibbings	Jim & Kim Menzie	Dave & Diana Wagner
Larry & Elsie Godwin	Kevin & Anna Mercure	Judd & Mary Ann Wellard
Jill & Joe Goodall	Steve & Kirstin Mikel	Rod & Ruth Wiley
Jake & Rebecca Grossman	Dave & Ann Miller	Patti & Scott Williams
Peter Gwyn	Martin & Anna Mlynarek	Rebecca Williamson
Dale & Sandy Handrich	Carol & Mike Moran	The Wilson Family
Lance & Lynel Harding	Olin & Allison Moreau	James & Barbara Yarema
John & Wilma Harrison	Mike & Kathy Olsen	Jeff & Carolyn Young
	Joseph & Jodi Osentoski/Leszczynski	Susan Smith & Fred Zielke

A SPECIAL NOTE: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the list above as of the time of publication. This list reflects the records kept by those who volunteer to serve on the Executive Board. We recognize someone may feel they were left out in error. If you think that is the case, please email us at twinlakeslewiston@gmail.com.

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TLPOA MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS



New Member Renewal

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

Member(s) Name(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Primary Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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 JOIN OR RENEW 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.

Now! Two ways to pay:

- with a check payable to TLPOA and mailed to P.O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756 or
- online with a credit card at www.tlpoalewistonmi.com/.

**ARE YOU A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE TLPOA? TIME TO RENEW NOW FOR 2025!
NOT A MEMBER YET? TIME TO JOIN!**

If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, please check your mailing label below for your membership status. Those receiving emailed copies of the newsletter should refer to the message accompanying the attachment.

We have upgraded our website so that you can now renew your membership or join the TLPOA **online**. Simply go to <https://www.tlpoalewistonmi.com/> and click on the **Renew/Join** button. Payments can be made by credit card.

If you prefer to **mail a check**, please complete the membership form on Page 7 of this newsletter and mail the form and check to TLPOA, P.O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756.

We encourage members to consider becoming Lake Stewards in 2025, as so many of your lake neighbors have in 2024, as listed in this newsletter. The additional funds provided by Lake Stewards increase our General Fund which supports all TLPOA activities except aeration and European watermilfoil control, both of which are supported separately with restricted funds.

***Many thanks to our members who have supported the TLPOA and its programs over the years
and a warm welcome to our new members!***

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