

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

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

April, 2025

President's Letter

No doubt you are all now aware of the recent ice storms that ravaged Lewiston and our Twin Lakes area. While the beauty and remoteness of our northern Michigan location provide both our year-round residents and our part-time downstate city dwellers a chance to escape to a more relaxed atmosphere, this remoteness can sometimes cause inconveniences or downright problems as witnessed by recent events. Long-term power outages, cleanup of downed trees and branches, and in some cases, home or cabin repairs have affected nearly all our TLPOA membership, some rather drastically.

For all the volunteers, workers, and organizations that have put in extraordinary amounts of time and energy to get our area back to normalcy, we say a big **THANK YOU!!** And thanks to all of our loyal members for their ongoing financial support which has allowed our TLPOA to donate \$1,000 to the Lewiston Cares non-profit organization helping the people most in need.

As we all recover from this extraordinary event, I hope you will all join us at our Spring TLPOA Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 24 at 9:00 AM at the Lewiston School. For myself, as I'm sure many of you, collaborating with fellow TLPOA members on the latest happenings in our area is always a benefit of these membership meetings. In addition, your TLPOA Board will bring everyone up to date on the various TLPOA ongoing projects, our financial situation, and the social events being planned. As always, it also gives you as members a chance to raise issues that most concern you and to offer suggestions to help set priorities for your TLPOA Board for the upcoming year.

I am confident that we will all come through this unfortunate event and get back to the true reasons we have properties on our beautiful East and West Twin Lakes. Looking forward to seeing you on May 24.

Tom Conquest

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Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.

Pat Kish, Editor

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association Statement of Activities for January 1 to March 31, 2025

	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	26,000	5,400	26,000	5,400				
Family Memberships	6,000	1,050	6,000	1,050				
Interest	6,000	1,495	6,000	1,495				
Other	2,000	45	2,000	45				
Aeration	12,000	2,675			12,000	2,675		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
Total Revenue	52,000	10,665	40,000	7,990	12,000	2,675	-	-
EXPENSES								
Education	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Memberships and Communication	3,000	53	3,000	53				
Insurance	1,200	1,131	1,200	1,131				
Advertising and Public Relations	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Postal Expense	1,600	61	1,600	61				
Membership Events	2,000	-	2,000	-				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	12,000	6,383	12,000	6,383				
Contingency	500	-	500	-				
Organizational	900	40	900	40				
Community Donations & Events	5,000	-	5,000	-				
Aeration	8,500	1,244			8,500	1,244		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	5,000	-					5,000	-
Total Expenses	41,700	8,912	28,200	7,668	8,500	1,244	5,000	-
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	10,300	1,753	11,800	322	3,500	1,431	(5,000)	-
2025 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		212,987		116,259		19,768		76,960
Current Bank Balance		214,740		116,581		21,199		76,960

In and Around the Lakes...

- The **Heart of the Summer Party** will be hosted on **Saturday, July 26**, by Greg and Cecilia Bator at their home on East Twin Lake. More details will follow. Please save the date.
- The **Wine and Cheese Party** is scheduled for **Friday, August 22**. Pete and Susan Stephens at the Twin Lakes Shore Resort have graciously offered to host, but are willing to acquiesce if someone else would like to volunteer. Hosts receive a stipend of \$500 to cover incidental expenses. If you would like to host, please contact a board member or email us at twinlakeslewiston@gmail.com.
- **The TLPOA continues to actively support the Lewiston community and surrounding areas.** In addition to the \$1,000 donation to Lewiston Cares in the aftermath of the ice storm, the TLPOA has donated to the Michigan Waterfront Alliance, the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce, the Twin Lakes Marina to support the Fourth of July fireworks display, Huron Pines, and the Lewiston Historical Society.
- The DNR approved a permit for **controlling the Canadian goose population** again this year. This is the second year that the TLPOA has contracted with Goose Busters. Last year's efforts were deemed to be successful on East Twin and more emphasis will be placed on West Twin this year.
- **Donations for Independence Day fireworks are being collected at the Twin Lakes Marina.** Fireworks will energize the skies over East Twin Lake on Thursday, July 3 (rain date of July 4). Let's keep this tradition booming by pitching in at the marina to help proprietors Bob and Mary Walter defray the costs of this event. The Lewiston Lions and Lionesses are sponsoring a fundraiser for the fireworks on Saturday, May 31. Please see Page 4 for details.

Lewiston's Timbertown Heritage Trail Map

The Heritage Trail consists of 17 historical sites starting at Tom May Memorial Park (Town Beach) and proceeding north through town, finishing at the site of the first school in Lewiston, currently the Masonic Lodge.

The trail is approximately 0.9 miles in length, one way. At each site you will find museum-quality signs with informative text and historical photos that take you on a time-lapse journey of the Big Timber Era circa 1890 to 1910 when Lewiston was a booming frontier town.

Take a pleasant stroll through town and history will come alive. Read about a bumbling bank robber, ghost trains, and dangerous fires that almost destroyed the town several times over. You will learn about notorious saloons of the era, the comical adventures of lumberjacks on Saturday nights, and the town pet – a friendly otter that lived in the water trough in front of Paddy's Saloon.

17 sites of historical interest from Michigan's Big Timber Years of 1890-1910.



- 1 Michelson & Hanson Saw Mill
- 2 Early Recreation in Lewiston
- 3 Michigan Central RR Depot
- 4 Quebec Hotel
- 5 Patty Welsh's Saloon
- 6 Sachs Hardware
- 7 Lewiston House Hotel
- 8 Early Drug Stores
- 9 M & H Company Store
- 10 Town Halls
- 11 First Banks
- 12 Telegraph & Telephone Office
- 13 Band Stand & Music
- 14 Michigan Home Colony Office
- 15 Kneeland/ Sachs House
- 16 Congregational Church
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The Lewiston Heritage Trail is a project sponsored by the Lewiston DDA in partnership with the Lewiston Area Historical Society.

May Membership Meeting

Take a few moments to swap ice storm stories with your fellow TLPOA neighbors and officially welcome the East and West Twin Lake summer season at our May membership meeting. Your TLPOA Board has been busy during the offseason, monitoring the health of our lakes, keeping current with governmental and environmental issues, and making plans for social events.

The membership meeting will be held on Saturday, May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend) at the Lewiston Elementary School. Coffee and donuts will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

It's not officially summer on East and West Twin Lakes until our May membership meeting adjourns, so we'll keep the meeting brief and let the summer fun begin!

Reminder to Recycle Your Boat's Shrink Wrap

We are fortunate to have a convenient drop off location at the Twin Lakes Marina to recycle our boats' shrink wrap and keep them out of landfills. If you have less than five boat covers to recycle, please read the following steps:

1. Buy your EZ-Fill Recycle Run bags by calling Dr. Shrink at (800) 968-5147 to get reduced shipping costs.
2. Register for the program before June 2 by going to <https://michiganrecycles.org/film-plastics/> and clicking on the Register for the 2025 Program button at the right side of the screen.
3. Prepare your bag by removing all strapping, buckles, vents, and zippers before placing it in the bag.
4. Take your bag to the Twin Lakes Marina for recycling.

For more information, please visit <https://michiganrecycles.org/film-plastics/>.

THE LEWISTON LIONS/LIONESS CLUBS PROUDLY PRESENT:

Thunder Over Twin Lakes 2025

poker run & town picnic

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE 4TH OF JULY: Lewiston Fireworks

POKER RUN:

- CLASSIC CARS & MOTORCYCLES
- REGISTRATION 11AM @ TALLEY'S
- RUN BEGINS AT 12PM
- \$25 PER VEHICLE
- INCLUDES 1 MEAL VOUCHER

COMMUNITY PICNIC: 3-6PM

- BRING THE FAMILY, A FEW CHAIRS, AND AN APPETITE TO LIONS PARK ON MAY 31ST.
- PROVIDE A MONETARY DONATION AND ENJOY HOT DOGS, CHIPS, BAKED GOODS AND DRINKS.

CRACK OPEN YOUR WALLETS FOR 50/50, A SILENT AUCTION, AND A LEGENDARY LIONS/LIONESS CLUBS BAKE SALE. DON'T FORGET YOUR ENERGY FOR MUSIC & GAMES! PRIZES AWARDED FOR BEST HAND DURING THE POKER RUN!

POKER RUN: TALLEY'S PARKING LOT | COMMUNITY PICNIC: LIONS PARK

May 31st

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ICE STORM 2025

As the saying goes, "May you live in interesting times."

Our times became very interesting indeed when the worst ice storm in a century descended on northern Michigan in late March, bringing down trees and branches, blocking roads, and knocking out power for tens of thousands. As of this writing, many are still without power. Crews from across the country have been working tirelessly and our hope is that by the time you receive this newsletter, your power has been restored and your buildings were not damaged.

Plans for the collection of debris such as trees and brush are still being determined. For the most up-to-date information, contact Albert Township or Montmorency County.



Recovery updates are available on the following Facebook pages:

Montmorency County

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61575098570532>

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op

<https://www.facebook.com/PIEGCooperative>

Great Lakes Energy

<https://www.facebook.com/greatlakesenergy>

Original OG Living in Lewiston Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LivingInLewiston>

Albert Township

<https://www.facebook.com/alberttownship> or

Lewiston Area Connections

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/974595871514957>

Many thanks to those in the Lewiston community who have stepped up during the crises. Talley's Log Cabin Bar and Lewiston Cares, a local non-profit organization, have been collecting and distributing funds and much needed articles to those in need. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church opened its doors and a team of volunteers has been serving as an emergency shelter for those without food and power. And, of course, there have been many large and small acts of kindness that go unreported but are greatly appreciated.

We encourage our members to donate to Lewiston Cares. Local emergency officials with first-hand knowledge of critical local needs can tap these funds to help pay for items or resources as needed.

Making a donation is easy and convenient.

- Donate online at <https://givebutter.com/LewistonIceStormRelief>.
- Mail a check payable to "Lewiston Cares" to Lewiston Cares, P.O. Box 372, Lewiston, MI 49756.
- Donate cash or by check in person, at Talley's Log Cabin Bar.

2024 East and West Twin Lakes Water Quality Survey

In early April, TLPOA Board received the detailed results of the water quality surveys performed by the Spicer Group. The Board will review and use this data as part of its continuing efforts to monitor and improve water quality. The full report is posted on the TLPOA website at <https://tlpoalewistonmi.com/water-quality-ewm/>.

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION In 2023, the Twin Lakes Property Owners Association initiated an investigation into monitoring options for East and West Twin Lakes after members collecting data for the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program observed a downward trend in lake clarity, particularly in East Twin Lake.

In response, a targeted sampling program was launched in 2024 to evaluate a range of water quality parameters, including nutrient concentrations, Secchi depth, chloride, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, and dissolved oxygen, with the intention of helping aid in future monitoring and management decisions. Historically, both lakes have exhibited mesotrophic characteristics. The 2024 results show that while East Twin Lake continues to reflect a mesotrophic status, West Twin Lake is trending toward an oligotrophic state. Although an encouraging sign to see the lakes staying on the border between oligotrophic and mesotrophic status, some anomalous readings in key parameters underscore the need for continued monitoring of lake characteristics.

The 2024 sampling campaign provides valuable insights into the current condition and trends of both Twin Lakes. The persistent mesotrophic status of East Twin Lake, indicated by stable nutrient levels and moderate biological productivity, suggests that its ecological character remains relatively unchanged. West Twin Lake's shift toward an oligotrophic state, as evidenced by increased water clarity and lower nutrient indicators, points to a potentially positive development in its water quality. However, the results from some parameters warrant caution. Variations in Secchi depth, chloride, TKN, and especially dissolved oxygen levels suggest that the 2024 data could be either a temporary anomaly or a potential signal of emerging issues. For instance, the notable decline in dissolved oxygen during the fall raises concerns about possible shifts in the lake's biogeochemical cycles that may affect aquatic life. These mixed signals emphasize the importance of continued long-term monitoring to distinguish between short-term variability and systemic change.

Based on the current findings, the following objectives are recommended to ensure sustainable management of East and West Twin Lakes:

ONGOING MONITORING Implement a yearly water quality monitoring program that routinely measures nutrient concentrations, water clarity (Secchi depth), chlorophyll-a, and dissolved oxygen. Include periodic assessments of the lake's algal biodiversity to better understand ecological dynamics and potential shifts in trophic status.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT Continue exploring methods to minimize phosphorus and nitrogen deposition into the lakes. More affordable strategies may include waterfowl management programs to limit droppings into the lakes and expanding outreach and educational programs for homeowners regarding topics such as safe fertilizer use and leaf/yard waste disposal. More cost intensive strategies may include expanding testing and investigation to include stormwater outfalls into the lake, such as the retention basin near the northwest corner of East Twin Lake, or investigating and addressing non-point sources of nutrient pollution such as degrading or leaking septic systems.

INVESTIGATIVE STUDIES If a continued downward trend in water clarity is observed without corresponding increases in algal biomass, additional studies should be conducted. Future investigations could focus on the vegetative cover of the lake, sedimentation patterns from erosion, and lake bottom composition to determine if historical activities (such as sawmill operations) are impacting vegetative ecology. Assessing the impact of wake and sport boat activity may also be warranted to determine if these factors are adversely affecting lake health.

Overall, the 2024 results provide a cautiously optimistic outlook for both lakes. The variability in certain water quality parameters underscores the necessity for a sustained, adaptive monitoring approach. This will allow for timely identification of emerging issues and the implementation of targeted lake management programs to protect the ecological integrity and recreational value of East and West Twin Lakes.

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TLPOA MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS



New Member Renewal

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Email Address(es) _____

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS		
	Membership Dues or Suggested Contribution Amounts	My Lake Contribution
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.

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- 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/.

TLPOA SUMMER OF 2025 CALENDAR

Event	Date	Time	Location
TLPOA Membership Meeting	Saturday, May 24	8:30 a.m. Welcome with donuts and coffee 9:00 a.m. Meeting	Lewiston Elementary School
Fireworks Sponsored by Twin Lakes Marina	Thursday, July 3 (rain day: Friday, July 4)	Dusk	East Twin Lake
TLPOA Boat Parades Friday, July 4 5:00 p.m. Decorate your boat in red, white, and blue stars and stripes for the TLPOA's Annual Fourth of July Boat Parades. All are welcome. Boat decorations are optional, but encouraged. The Raietta Ott East Twin Lake Boat Parade will meet just east of the island. The Pete Petoskey West Twin Lake Boat Parade will meet just north of Eagle Point.			
Heart of the Summer Party	Saturday, July 26	TBD	Hosted by Greg & Cecilia Bator 1129 Fleming Road
Wine & Cheese Party	Friday, August 22	6:00 p.m.	Twin Lakes Shore Resort or a volunteer host
TLPOA Membership Meeting	Saturday, August 23	8:30 a.m. Welcome with donuts and coffee 9:00 a.m. Meeting	Lewiston Elementary School

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