

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

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

August, 2025

President's Letter

I don't know about you, but every year as we get older, summer seems to just fly by. This may be especially true this year due to the late start I'm sure most of you had preparing for the summer season after the historic weather event that struck the Lewiston area.

We each enjoy our lake living in individual ways. Unfortunately, conflicts can arise when our individual preferences may not align with others. While your TLPOA has no enforcement authority, one of our goals is to educate our membership on the local laws, ordinances, and regulations currently in place within Albert Township as well as the state regulations in place with the Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). We also encourage our membership to go beyond these regulations to help protect our valuable lake resources for generations to come.

Unfortunately, some of our fellow lakefront owners who are not TLPOA members may not understand the practices necessary to best protect our lakes. It is up to us as TLPOA members to cordially help educate our non-members that proper permits and variances be obtained from the applicable state and township agencies before performing any property improvement work at or near the lakeshore. You are also encouraged to invite them to join TLPOA.

As a TLPOA Board, we will do our best to keep our membership informed on the latest regulations and best practices that will preserve our lakes well into the future. This includes adhering to the Albert Township Greenbelt ordinance and encouraging natural shoreline practices. But most importantly, we need to be considerate of each other's enjoyment of our lakes and be tolerant as long as everyone is following our regulations and ordinances.

We hope to see you on Saturday morning, August 23 at our annual formal TLPOA Membership Meeting. We'll have a report on the latest water quality tests on both lakes, present some awards, and elect our TLPOA Board members for the next year. Plenty of time for your questions and concerns will be allotted as this helps your Board set priorities for the coming year.

Thanks so much for all your support of the TLPOA!

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 June 30, 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	11,300	26,000	11,300				
Family Memberships	6,000	2,590	6,000	2,590				
Interest	6,000	3,145	6,000	3,145				
Other	2,000	175	2,000	175				
Aeration	12,000	5,185			12,000	5,185		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
Total Revenue	52,000	22,395	40,000	17,210	12,000	5,185	-	-
EXPENSES								
Education	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Memberships and Communication	3,000	1,046	3,000	1,046				
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	254	2,000	254				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	12,000	8,958	12,000	8,958				
Contingency	500		500	-				
Organizational	900	625	900	625				
Community Donations & Events	5,000	2,300	5,000	2,300				
Aeration	8,500	2,117			8,500	2,117		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	5,000	3,550					5,000	3,550
Total Expenses	41,700	20,041	28,200	14,374	8,500	2,117	5,000	3,550
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	10,300	2,354	11,800	2,836	3,500	3,068	(5,000)	(3,550)
2025 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		212,987		116,259		19,768		76,960
Current Bank Balance		215,341		119,095		22,836		73,410

In and Around the Lakes...

- Please welcome new TLPOA board members Darcy Dombrowski and Cindy Millard. In addition, Paul Millard has volunteered to serve as a consultant. This infusion of talent brings a wealth of knowledge and experience of lake associations and the Lewiston community.
- This spring, GooseBusters destroyed 6 nests and 36 eggs near East Twin and 10 nests and 48 eggs on West Twin. We will continue to monitor the Canada goose population in our area.
- Your TLPOA was a “Sawmill” level sponsor of the 2025 Lewiston Timberfest weekend and is a “Silver” level sponsor donated to the Garland Charity Classic Golf Outing benefitting several local charities.
- According to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), lakeside property owners bear the responsibility for removing fallen trees impeding navigation. Please remove any fallen trees or branches in the lakes, especially in narrow canals.
- The TLPOA has two Facebook pages. Only administrators can post on The Twin Lakes POA Lewiston MI Facebook page. Anyone can post on The E & W Twin Lake Neighbors Facebook page once they have been screened to avoid nuisance postings.
- Our May Membership meeting was attended by more than 75 people, evidence of an interested and motivated membership. If you would like to be more involved in TLPOA activities, by serving on the board or helping with specific projects, please talk to a board member or send an email to twinlakeslewiston@gmail.com.

Twin Lakes Eagle Diary



Photo by Darcy Dombrowski

Michigan, with its many inland lakes, is home to an important breeding population of bald eagles. Our Twin Lakes have been a nesting location since 2005. At that time our first eagles' nest, or aerie, was built at the top of a tall pine tree about 75 feet above the ground on the shore of East Twin Lake. This nest has been actively adding to the national population of 316,700 bald eagles.

This spring, on March 28, a devastating ice storm hit Lewiston and surrounding northern towns. The ice snapped thousands of trees and telephone poles, causing power outages and major property damage. Despite those harsh conditions, the eagles' nest remained untouched and our resident eagle pair successfully hatched two eaglets.

The new eaglets have fledged the nest, but you will certainly see them and their parents soaring high in the sky hunting for their next meal. Hopefully next year they will return since eagles can live for 20 to 30 years. Though there have been eight different years with an empty nest, there have been a total of 30 eaglets raised from this nest.

This can be in part from the efforts of homeowners and TLPOA in helping to preserve our natural resources making it a desirable habitat for our eagles to nest.

Residents, lake owners, friends, and boaters must be doing something right to attract water fowl because for the second year we have a pair of loons that have hatched two chicks. You might also catch a glimpse of another intriguing bird standing camouflaged along the shores of our lakes, the great blue heron.

As TLPOA members and wildlife observers we need to continue to be respectful of the eagles' nest and other wildlife habitats.



Mink on a West Twin dock

Photo by Lila Fedokovitz

Lake Friendly Wake Boat Operating Areas

Wake boats are becoming a popular recreational option for many who enjoy our beautiful Michigan lakes. If you are not familiar with these newer types of boats, a wake boat, when operating in 'wake mode' runs slower than a traditional ski boat and produces a much larger wake behind the boat allowing more fun activities such as surfing without a tow rope.

Since wake boats operating in wake mode produce such a large wake, many studies are discussing how wake boats affect the quality of lakes in general in comparison to more traditional ski boats. These studies point to two primary affects:

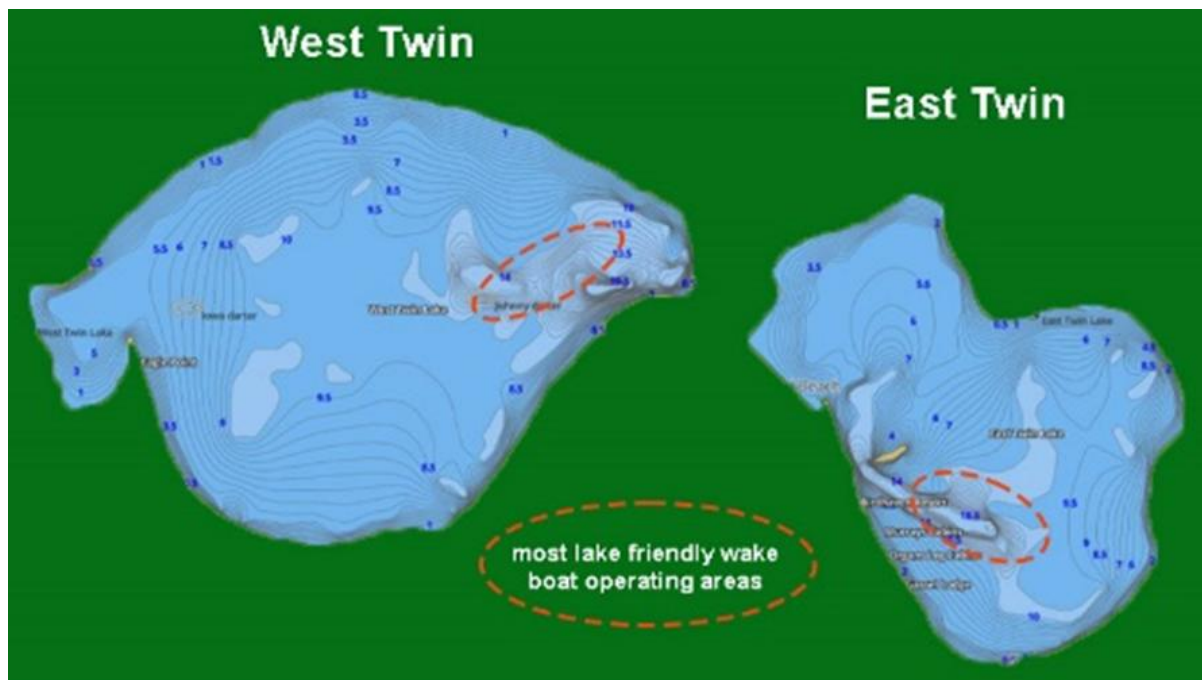
1. The larger wake, if it reaches the shoreline, can accelerate shoreline erosion
2. Disturbance of the lake bottom including aquatic vegetation can occur if operated in shallow water depths.

There are no current Michigan laws regulating the use of wake boats operating in wake mode other than those currently in place for more traditional ski boats and jet skis which require operating more than 100 feet from shore. Several Michigan legislators have introduced a bill to prevent wake boats running in wake mode from operating less than 500 feet from shore and at a water depth of not less than 20 feet. Many observers believe this bill not pass in its current form but will eventually pass with lesser restrictions.

Your TLPOA Board will keep our membership informed on the status of any proposed legislation. But your Board does recognize the value of many of the studies conducted and acknowledges that operating within the current boating regulations can be detrimental to the health of our lakes if too close to shore or in shallow water depths.

As such, the TLPOA Board has identified the most lake friendly operating areas in both East and West Twin Lakes for wake boats operating in wake mode as shown in the below maps. These locations represent the areas of our lakes with maximum depth to minimize lake bottom disturbance and significant distance from shore to ensure wakes dissipate to traditional ski boat levels before reaching shore.

Even when operating in these most 'lake friendly' areas, following general boating guidelines of respecting others enjoying our lakes is always most important. So have fun, but stay safe.



Pete Petoskey and Raietta Ott Fourth of July Boat Parades



Photos by Tom Conquest

Heart of the Summer Party

The TLPOA thanks Cecilia and Greg Bator for graciously hosting this event.





TLPOA

Wine and Cheese Party

**Friday, August 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Park in the Johnson Subdivision
on the eastern shore of East Twin Lake
off of County Road 489**



Each person/couple is asked to bring two bottles of their favorite wine.
(That's two bottles of the same wine.)

You'll have the opportunity to sample all the wines and vote for your favorites.

Awards will be given for the wines receiving the most votes.

Assorted cheeses and snacks will be provided by the TLPOA,
along with pizza later in the evening.

The **KufflinKs** will perform again this year,
showcasing their unique spin on timeless classics and contemporary hits.

They appear courtesy of **the Twin Lake Shores Resort and Susan Stephens of Smith Realty.**

**Come and enjoy an evening with your lake neighbors and friends
while enjoying scenic sunset views of East Twin Lake.**

TLPOA Membership Meeting

The August **TLPOA Membership Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, August 23**, at the Lewiston Elementary School. Coffee and donuts will be provided at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.

Items on the agenda will include

- Financial report
- Membership report
- Greenbelt Award winner
- Chickadee Award winner
- Water Quality
- TLPOA Board Election
- Open Forum (Q & A)

We hope you will join your lake neighbors and attend this informative meeting. See you there!

Lions Park Concert featuring the Yankee Station Band



The TLPOA will be co-sponsoring the **Thursday, August 14th Summer Concert at Lions Park** featuring the **Yankee Station Band**. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. and is sponsored by **Nicolet Bank**.

The five-member band has been a Northern Michigan favorite for 25 years with a diverse set list featuring popular dance music. Their Summer 2025 books include the Venetian Festival in Charlevoix, the AuSable River Festival, downtown Boyne City's Stroll the Streets, and many other event throughout Northern Michigan.

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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/.

TLPOA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Location
Lewiston Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Concert featuring the Yankee Station Band	Thursday, August 14	6:00 p.m.	Lions Park
Wine & Cheese Party	Friday, August 22	6:00 p.m.	Holiday Park In the Johnson Subdivision
TLPOA Membership Meeting	Saturday, August 23	8:30 a.m. Welcome with donuts and coffee 9:00 a.m. Meeting	Lewiston Elementary School

Is your membership current?

Your TLPOA continues to actively monitor and support the health of East and West Twin Lakes and their surrounding environments, providing benefits to the entire lake community. Are you doing your part? Check your membership status. Joining the TLPOA or renewing your membership is easy and can be done by mail or online. Please see the instructions on the membership form on Page 7.

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PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR LAKES HEALTHY!***