

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

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

November, 2025

President's Letter

All lakes, including both East and West Twin are always changing. What I have learned since serving on the TLPOA Board is that inland lakes are extremely complex ecosystems controlled by dozens of parameters, some natural and some man-made, that define the current state of a lake and how the lake may be evolving.

To help measure and track many of these parameters, the TLPOA has undertaken several initiatives over the years that provide the information necessary to take proactive actions, if needed, to ensure our East and West Twin Lakes remain healthy for years to come. Among them:

1. Participating in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) for over 30 years. This program measures water clarity, chlorophyll levels, and phosphorus levels and shows trends of these measurements over long periods of time.
2. Water sample testing by the Spicer Group in 2024 to collect additional parameters such as total nitrate, ammonia levels, dissolved oxygen, water temperature, and water acidity.
3. Aquatic vegetation surveys every other year since 2020 to monitor aquatic vegetation coverage and identify any new invasive species that may have taken hold in our lakes.
4. A DNR conducted walleye study to monitor lake temperatures, oxidation levels, and walleye stocking survival rates.

This fall the TLPOA is undertaking a new initiative by contracting PLM Lake & Land Management and Sepro Labs to conduct lake-bottom sediment testing of 10 specific locations across East and West Twin. We hope this data can help us better understand if and where any excessive levels of phosphorus may be entering our lakes.

Fortunately, all this testing to date shows both our lakes as healthy ecosystems that can support all the beauty and activities we enjoy about them. But we need to be vigilant and continue our monitoring activities that permit us to identify trends as they occur in the evolution process of our lakes.

All of these testing reports are posted on our TLPOA website. I would encourage you to read some of them, especially if you have a severe case of insomnia (just kidding). If you have any comments or see any trends that may concern you, we would love to hear from you.

Thanks again so much for all your support of the TLPOA! Only through your participation and financial support would these initiatives be possible. I hope you all have a joyous 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, 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	13,100	26,000	13,100				
Family Memberships	6,000	3,290	6,000	3,290				
Interest	6,000	4,989	6,000	4,989				
Other	2,000	555	2,000	555				
Aeration	12,000	5,980			12,000	5,980		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
Total Revenue	52,000	27,914	40,000	21,934	12,000	5,980	-	-
EXPENSES								
Education	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Memberships and Communication	3,000	1,470	3,000	1,470				
Insurance	1,200	1,131	1,200	1,131				
Advertising and Public Relations	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Postal Expense	1,600	513	1,600	513				
Membership Events	2,000	1,455	2,000	1,455				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	12,000	11,519	12,000	11,519				
Contingency	500	-	500	-				
Organizational	900	1,020	900	1,020				
Community Donations & Events	5,000	3,150	5,000	3,150				
Aeration	8,500	8,561			8,500	8,561		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	5,000	3,550					5,000	3,550
Total Expenses	41,700	32,369	28,200	20,258	8,500	8,561	5,000	3,550
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	10,300	(4,455)	11,800	1,676	3,500	(2,581)	(5,000)	(3,550)
2025 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		212,987		116,259		19,768		76,960
Current Bank Balance		208,532		117,935		17,187		73,410

Highlights from the August General Membership Meeting

- John Jackson reported on the TLPOA's 32-year participation in the MiCorps' Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). **Water quality corrective actions** to reduce phosphorus in the lakes include (1) geese deterrence by contracting with the Goose Busters company; (2) Lewiston stormwater control improvements by working with Huron Pines, the Spicer Group, the Montmorency County Road Commission and Albert Township; and (3) discussion of a decentralized wastewater system, a long-term, expensive project that has been rejected in the past.
- **TLPOA's future steps to improve water quality** include (1) continuing to contract with Goose Busters; (2) continuing to finance additional street cleanings to reduce storm sewer system input into East Twin Lake; (3) continue CLMP participation; and (4) investigating additional strategies.
- During the open forum, a member asked about the **relative water clarity** in East Twin Lake compared to West Twin Lake. East Twin, smaller than West Twin, is a seepage lake with no outlet. West Twin is a drainage lake with an outlet to Cobb Creek which drains some phosphorus. East Twin is the only lake in northern Michigan that has drainage from a retention pond collecting debris which drains into the lake. The lumber mill near East Twin Lake left organic matter that remains in East Twin.
- Many members expressed concern and frustration over the number of **geese** in various locations around the lake. The geese population has improved in some areas, but gotten worse in others. Members who find geese nests in the spring are urged to send an email to the TLPOA so the locations can be forwarded to Goose Busters. It is illegal to destroy geese nests without a permit.
- For a more details, the meeting's presentation slides can be found at <https://tlpoalewistonmi.com/files/ugd/August2025MembershipMeetingPresentation.pdf>.

TLPOA Annual Membership Drive

The TLPOA kicks off its annual membership drive with the November newsletter. Supporting the TLPOA not only benefits our membership, but also benefits the lakes and the surrounding community.

- ❖ You will help the TLPOA **protect East & West Twin Lakes**, which we have been doing since 1980, that's 45 years of experience and public service. For example, the early efforts of the TLPOA to recognize and control Eurasian watermilfoil enabled us to quickly control and later monitor the spread of this invasive species that has afflicted other inland lakes.
- ❖ You will strengthen the voice of lakefront property owners as the TLPOA represents your **concerns to local governmental entities**.
- ❖ You will be providing funding for the **Lewiston Lake Living newsletter**. They don't print and mail themselves! The newsletter is a great way to learn more about the social and educational activities of the TLPOA as well as our efforts with local governments to protect our lakes.
- ❖ 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 charitable organizations.
- ❖ You will be warmly welcomed at our **social events** such as the Wine and Cheese Party and the Heart of the Summer Party. These get-togethers offer the opportunity to make new friends and reacquaint yourself with old friends.
- ❖ 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 provide a forum for members to express their concerns.
- ❖ You will know the date of the fabulous **4th of July Boat Parades** will be! (*Hint: 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**.



The **Michigan State University Extension Center for Lakes and Streams** offers *Introduction to Lakes Online*, an online course designed to give lakefront property owners a broad understanding of lake ecology, watersheds, shorelines, aquatic plants, riparian law, and community engagement. The six-week course includes video lectures, interactive activities, discussion forums, and three live *Ask an Expert* Zoom webinars. The six course units are available on a weekly basis and each take approximately two hours to complete. The course is offered once a year and the 2026 session will kick off on January 20, 2026, and stay open through May 31, 2026.

The cost is \$115 per person. Register by January 5, and be eligible for the early bird price of \$95. Individual members of the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association can receive a \$95 reimbursement to its members who earn a certificate of completion.

Learn more and register today at www.canr.msu.edu/lakesonline. The website provides more details, including a course syllabus and course schedule.

TLPOA Wine and Cheese Party



Many thanks to Cindy and Paul Millard and their helpers from the Johnson Subdivision on East Twin Lake for hosting our annual Wine and Cheese Party. Music was provided by members of the KuffLinKs band.

TLPOA Award Winners

The **Chickadee Award** winner is the **Lewiston Cares** team of **Tyler Smith, Jay Rhoades, Tracy Murphy, and Shay Westerman** for their efforts to help the Lewiston community in the aftermath of the spring ice storm. Tyler Smith accepted the award on behalf of the organization and gave a stirring speech recounting the efforts of his team to support the Lewiston community during the emergency.



The **2025 Greenbelt Award** went to **Shawn and Wendy Huston** of West Twin Lake. Their natural shoreline is shown at right. The importance of preserving a natural lake greenbelt was discussed by **Tom Page**.



Our Newest Lewiston Landmark

Maybe you've just noticed it, but its style is reminiscent of decades long past. The Lumichron Village Square clock in front of the Albert Township building at the corner of Kneeland and Hanson, was recently donated by Jane Chapoton in memory of her late husband Dave Chapoton.

Dave started coming to Lewiston from Utica as a teenager with his parents. They built their first family cottage on West Twin Lake in the 1950's and it is still in the family today. Dave was a fast-food franchise owner and entrepreneur with holdings downstate and in Lewiston. At different points in time Dave owned The Lewiston Lodge and Lakeview Hills B & B (now the manor on Fire Tower Hill). He also owned the building that is now Starkey's.

Dave believed that the long-term success of the community revolved around a healthy and attractive downtown business and entertainment district. He and Jane spent countless hours visiting and studying surrounding town centers and researching how the best examples were governed and the policies that were in place. As a result of this research, the concept of a Downtown Development Authority was born. The DDA was formed to give local business stakeholders more of a voice in the town center development, especially at the time when the economy was in decline and some help was needed. Through many community and Township Board meetings, Dave spearheaded the effort and in 2010 the Lewiston DDA was formed with the support of early DDA board members Shawn Huston, Bird Smith, Ron Haas, Tom Page, and others.



The inscription at the base of the clock reads:

*Donated in
loving memory
of
Dave Chapoton
founding member
of the
Lewiston DDA,
by his wife,
Jane Chapoton
2025*

Today the Lewiston DDA is a strong partner with the Albert Township Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society, the Garden Club, and many others, all of whom have Lewiston's best interests at heart. The DDA (through private funding) is responsible for many of the distinctive amenities you see in town: the welcome signs, benches, gazebos, historical signs, gabions, and the trees along CR 612 to mention a few. In addition, the DDA funds and organizes the Farmers Market, Fall Fest, and the Holiday Bazaar.

Thanking our 2025 TLPOA 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 2025. 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.

<i>Meridian Heights/ Fernwood Beach POA Johnson Subdivision/ Holiday Park Pine Beach Association Twin Lakes Marina, Inc. Peter & Mary Albertson John & Molly Anderson The Ash Family Gwen & Harry Ashbaugh Tim & Chris Austin Joseph Balhorn Mark McGrath & Nancy Baltzer Dennis & Debbie Bashur Jerry & Sue Beattie Delmer Beaupre Daman & Nicole Bedi Courtney Borden Mike & Julie Boyd Richard & Marie Bracci Jeoff & Cheryl Burris Rob & Terri Chapman Renee Allen & Debbie & Mark Chapoton Jane Chapoton Ray & Sandy Cieslinski Mary E. Clark Sharon S. Clayton Tom & Carol Clippard Ronald & Gerri Compton Tom & Pam Conquest Wendy P. Cooper Mike & Jackie Corey Josh & Jillian Davis Linda Parker & Dan Dennis Robert & Brandy Denton Richard & Cheryl Dodt Darcy Dombrowski Jim & Jean Dome Lynn & David Donell Tim & Linda Dykstra Gordon & Cheryl Eckardt Penni Faucher Ken & Lisa Finlay</i>	<i>Kevin & Nancy Fogle Cathy Panarello & Frank Gabbianelli Jim & Carrie Gaeschke Neil & Cindy Gallaway Ryan & Ashley Gerber Jill & Kelly Gerlinger Tad Gerlinger Stephen Ghainer Colin & Frances Gibbings Jill & Joe Goodall Jake & Rebecca Grossman Peter Gwyn Ronald & Ruth Haberstroh Jeff & Holly Haller Dale & Sandy Handrich Lance & Lynel Harding John & Wilma Harrison Fred & Carol Heine Tim & Alyssa Hemmelgarn David & Sandra Hess Arthur & Linda Heymoss Dick & Judy Horning Larry & Katherine Howell Shawn & Wendy Huston Donna Hyek Jan & John Jackson The Jerome Family John & Kimberly Jetts Ron Johnson & Joni Elward Alice C. Kahler Trust Keith & Jennifer Kamprath Lawrence Kebbe Alan & Marilynne Kiriluk The Kirkendall Family Ken & Pat Kish Kerry & Susan Klein Virgil & Ellen Klein Skip & Debbie Knapp Robert & Barbara Kopf Vaughn & Stella Koshkarian Jeanine Lortt & Bill Krawczyk Jim & Marilyn Lane Paul & Wendy Lange</i>	<i>Tim & Shannon Lapointe Dale LaPointe Leinweber/Rabaut Family John & Sharon Lucas The Lunden Family Michael & Donna Maddin Michael & Michelle Maher Nicholaos & Janet Makris Timothy Manganello Donald & Bobbie Mann Dominic & Martha Manzi Steve Maranowski Doug & Kendal Martin Keith & Patti May Ted & Hope May Jeff & Marsha McDonald Chris & Kari McKenzie Martha M McLeod Neil & Michael McMichael John & Jeannie McNally Jim & Kim Menzie Kevin & Anna Mercure Steve & Kirstin Mikel Dave & Ann Miller Martin & Anna Mlynarek Carol & Mike Moran Colin & Allison Moreau Jeffrey & Samantha Morris Ron & Lori O'Brien Michael & Tamra Odrobina Mike & Kathy Olsen Joseph & Jodi Osentoski/Leszczynski The Owczarek Family David & Mary Paffi Tom & Bonnie Page CaraLynn Pender Scott & Heather Pesonen Mark & Kathy Peters Keith Pfeifle Tom & Jamie Pierce Don & Sis Pierce Stan & Shawntae Podulka Glen & Laura Pruden</i>	<i>Elizabeth Gauthier Rabaut Curtis & Nancy Render Erma & Michael Rhadigan Shawn & Tracy Richards Jay & Patty Rife Ken & Nancy Rinke Teresa Collins & Mike Rinke James & Andrea Risk Kevin & Rosann Roose Judy Ryan Tomas & Kate Salas Michael & Diane Saunders Kathy & Ivan Savitsky Paul & Deborah Schmitz Greg & June Schurig Eric & Donna Schuster Otto Schwanke Teresa & John Scott Will & Trisha Scott Jim & Linda Sezwick William & Laurie Sheffer Joshua & Lesley Shepherd Daniel & Beth Sherbert Pete & Susan Stephens Scott & Catherine Stoddard Frank & Nancy Stoneking Clay & Linda Stroup Bob & Donna Sturgis Greg & Jill Tilley The Tosch Family Diane Tsaprazis Chris & Dave Vavro Glen & Jan Vogelsang Mike & Barb Vogt Heather Huston Wagner Dave & Diana Wagner Judd & Mary Ann Wellard Rod & Ruth Wiley Patti & Scott Williams The Wilson Family James & Barbara Yarema Jeff & Carolyn Young Susan Smith & Fred Zielke</i>
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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								
	Membership Dues or Suggested Contribution Amounts	My Lake Contribution						
<p>Membership Dues Lake Stewardship provides additional funding for special projects to study and maintain a healthy lake ecology and benefit the lake community.</p>	\$150 Lake Stewardship or \$35 Basic Family Membership	\$						
<p>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!</p>	<p>Lakefront Owners</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Less than 75 ft. of lake frontage</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">75 to 125 ft. of lake frontage</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">\$75</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">More than 125 ft. of lake frontage</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">\$100</td> </tr> </table> <p>Shared Access \$25</p>	Less than 75 ft. of lake frontage	\$50	75 to 125 ft. of lake frontage	\$75	More than 125 ft. of lake frontage	\$100	\$
Less than 75 ft. of lake frontage	\$50							
75 to 125 ft. of lake frontage	\$75							
More than 125 ft. of lake frontage	\$100							
<p>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.</p>	<p>We are currently funded at a sufficient level to meet current needs and have suspended our requests for funding. Thank you!</p>							
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/.

Stronger Lakes = Stronger Property Values



Clean, healthy lakes aren't just beautiful—they protect the investment value of every home on the water. To that end Twin Lakes Property Association works year-round to:

- **Monitor and control invasive species** such as Eurasian watermilfoil
- **Monitor and improve water clarity** and reduce muck through our aeration project
- **Manage Canada geese populations** and the shoreline issues they create.
- **Subsidize the sweeping of Lewiston streets** near the lakes twice yearly to prevent winter debris from washing into our lakes
- **Educate lakeshore property owners** to help them understand and implement the best ways to maintain the health of our lakes.

Protect Your Investment – Renew or Join the TLPOA Today!

Your support keeps our lakes, and your investment, thriving. Family memberships are an incredibly affordable \$35 annually and Lake Stewardship memberships further support our projects and are only \$150. You can join by going online to the TLPOA website: <https://www.tlpoalewistonmi.com> and use a credit card. Or you can complete the membership form in this newsletter and mail your TLPOA membership dues to P.O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI, 49756.

For most of us, our cottages are not only a financial investment, but an enormous emotional investment as well.

Help the TLPOA protect that investment by renewing or joining today.

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PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR LAKES HEALTHY!***