

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

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

April, 2026

President's Letter

As we look ahead to the 2026 spring and summer seasons on East and West Twin Lakes, thank you to both our long-term and newer TLPOA members for your continued generosity in supporting the health of our beautiful lakes.

Already, things are looking up for 2026. We are grateful to have avoided another ice storm that caused so much heartache for the Lewiston community last year. Plus, the above-average winter snowfall should help restore lake levels after last season's lows.

If you are not already aware, **Albert Township** has recently updated its **Zoning Ordinance**, available on the township website. Here's a link: <https://alberttwpmi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Albert-Township-Zoning-Ordinance-2026.pdf>.

Please review Section 4.14 regarding the **Greenbelt District**, especially if you are planning lakefront improvements, to ensure compliance with regulations protecting our lakes. Any questions should be directed to Jeff McDonald, Albert Township Zoning Administrator.

Please join us for the **Spring Membership Meeting** on Saturday, May 23, at the Lewiston Elementary School. Coffee and donuts will be available at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. We will review phosphorus sediment testing results, share highlights from the Michigan Lakes and Stream Association Conference, discuss updated Greenbelt regulations, and provide an update on the work of Lewiston Cares. We also allow ample time to hear your concerns and suggestions. This meeting should be well worth your time.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable start to the 2026 summer season.
I hope to see you on May 23rd.

Tom Conquest

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Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.

Pat Kish, Editor

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association Statements of Activities 2025 (January 1 to December 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	20,900	26,000	20,900				
Family Memberships	6,000	4,480	6,000	4,480				
Interest	6,000	6,508	6,000	6,508				
Other	2,000	1,280	2,000	1,280				
Aeration	12,000	8,830			12,000	8,830		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
Total Revenue	52,000	41,998	40,000	33,168	12,000	8,830	-	-
EXPENSES								
Education	1,000	490	1,000	490				
Memberships and Communication	3,000	2,277	3,000	2,277				
Insurance	1,200	1,131	1,200	1,131				
Advertising and Public Relations	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Postal Expense	1,600	1,072	1,600	1,072				
Membership Events	2,000	955	2,000	955				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	12,000	11,519	12,000	11,519				
Contingency	500	-	500	-				
Organizational	900	1,230	900	1,230				
Community Donations & Events	5,000	3,250	5,000	3,250				
Aeration	8,500	10,309			8,500	10,309		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	5,000	3,550					5,000	3,550
Total Expenses	41,700	35,783	28,200	21,924	8,500	10,309	5,000	3,550
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	10,300	6,215	11,800	11,244	3,500	(1,479)	(5,000)	(3,550)
2025 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		212,987		116,259		19,768		76,960
Current Bank Balance		219,202		127,503		18,289		73,410

2026 First Quarter (January 1 to March 31, 2026)

	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	20,500	8,250	20,500	8,250				
Family Memberships	4,500	1,050	4,500	1,050				
Interest	6,500	1,309	6,500	1,309				
Other	1,300	155	1,300	155				
Aeration	8,500	2,725			8,500	2,725		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
Total Revenue	41,300	13,489	32,800	10,764	8,500	2,725	-	-
EXPENSES								
Education	4,000	-	4,000	-				
Memberships and Communication	2,500	132	2,500	132				
Insurance	1,200	-	1,200	-				
Advertising and Public Relations	500	-	500	-				
Postal Expense	1,200	-	1,200	-				
Membership Events	2,000	-	2,000	-				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	15,000	10,254	15,000	10,254				
Contingency	500	-	500	-				
Organizational	1,300	40	1,300	40				
Community Donations & Events	6,000	-	6,000	-				
Aeration	10,500	443			10,500	443		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	9,500	-					9,500	-
Total Expenses	54,200	10,869	34,200	10,426	10,500	443	9,500	-
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	(12,900)	2,620	(1,400)	338	(2,000)	2,282	(9,500)	-
2026 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		219,202		127,503		18,289		73,410
Current Bank Balance		221,822		127,841		20,571		73,410

“Making a Difference in the Life of our Lakes and Our Community”

Not just empty words. Your TLPOA is committed to our beautiful natural environment and the people who inhabit it.

Street cleaning

Monitoring and improving water quality is an important function of the TLPOA. One of our goals is to monitor and decrease the amount of phosphorus in the lakes. Phosphorus has a negative impact on water clarity and quality. A Huron Pines stormwater study has shown that street debris such as dead leaves getting washed into the lakes each spring and fall is an important contributor to the amount of phosphorus in the lakes. The TLPOA sponsors street sweeping twice a year, in mid-April and mid-October, to pick up the debris before it can cloud our lakes.

Lewiston Elementary Field Trip

In addition to protecting our lakes, the TLPOA feels a responsibility to make a positive contribution to the surrounding community. We believe that it is important for everyone to enjoy, appreciate, and nurture the lakes and the natural environments we all love. A lifelong appreciation of nature is best begun early. With that in mind, this spring the TLPOA will sponsor a **field trip to the Raven Hill Discovery Center** for the second graders at the Lewiston Elementary School.



According to its website, Raven Hill Discovery Center’s mission is to “provide a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history and the arts. Connections emerge through exhibits, facilities & programs, that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play.”

Raven Hill’s outdoor exhibits include a watershed model, a music garden, Jurassic Park walkway, schoolhouse, treehouse, wetland boardwalk, medicinal gardens, a nature preserve, and a pond.

The Raven Hill Discovery Center, located in East Jordan. More information can be found at <https://miravenhill.org/>

Annual Reminder to Recycle Your Boat’s Shrink Wrap

Recycle Run is Michigan's official boat shrink wrap recycling program. Each year, the Michigan Recycling Coalition promotes and supports program partners in collecting shrink wrap from registrants around the state. This material is then delivered to manufacturers and transformed into new products like composite decking. With over 220 tons of shrink wrap recycled, Recycle Run benefits boaters and helps maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our state.

We are fortunate to have a convenient drop off location at the **Twin Lakes Marina** to recycle our boats’ discarded shrink wrap and keep them out of landfills.

Drop offs must be completed by **June 1st**.

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



INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES



Decorate your boat in red, white, and blue for the **TLPOA's Annual Fourth of July Boat Parades**. All are welcome. Boat decorations are optional, but encouraged.

The parades start at 5 p.m.

- ❖ 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.

Fourth of July Fireworks

Prepare to be awestruck as the Twin Lakes Marina presents its annual fireworks show over East Twin Lake on the Fourth of July at dusk. Many thanks to **Mary and Bob Walter at the Twin Lakes Marina** for this spectacular extravaganza. If you would like to help, please donate at the marina. Donations can also be made online by going to www.lewistonchamber.com and scrolling down to the Fourth of July Fireworks Donation button. All donations are appreciated!



HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!



What's more fun than attending Timberfest?

Volunteering to help at Timberfest!

Timberfest 2026 will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8, and the Lewiston Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help with the festivities.

For more information, please call the Lewiston Area Chamber of Commerce at (989) 786-2293 or email them at lewistonchamberoffice@gmail.com.

Wine and Cheese Party

Save the Date!

The annual **Wine and Cheese Party** on **Friday, August 28, 2026**, will be hosted by Susan and Pete Stephens at their **Twin Lakes Shore Resort** on West Twin Lake. Members of the Insiders, a Tom Petty tribute band from Grand Rapids, will perform. More details to follow. In the meantime, start thinking about your favorite wine (if you aren't already) and plan to bring two bottles of that wine to the party.



Heart of the Summer Party

Here's a chance to host your lake neighbors and have some fun! Set the date and welcome your lake friends and make some new ones! If you are interested, please send an email to twinlakeslewiston@gmail.com. Hosts receive a small stipend to cover expenses.

Threats to Loons: A Call for Action

The Common Loon is currently a threatened species in Michigan with an estimated population of less than 500 breeding pairs. Here are some actions you can take to help protect loons and ensure they continue to thrive in our waters.

- **Lead fishing tackle** is a major cause of loon deaths. A single piece of lead can kill a loon. It is estimated that lead poisoning causes 25-50% of all loon deaths annually. Thousands of loons die each year across the nation as a result of ingesting lead tackle.
 - ***Please dispose of lead tackle responsibly or switch to leadfree substitutes. Reel in your fishing line when loons are nearby. Loons take in live fish and have been known to ingest lead from fish on anglers' lines.***
- **Fishing Line Entanglement** accounts for 5-10% of loon deaths.
 - ***Always dispose of fishing line properly and avoid fishing in loon habitats.***
- **Watercraft collisions** pose a significant danger to loons. Approximately 10-20% of recorded loon deaths are due to watercraft collisions, contributing to hundreds of deaths each year.
 - ***Slow down and watch for loons and other waterfowl.***
- **Wave Boat Wave Action** can have devastating impacts on loon nests, particularly when the wave action dislodges eggs. Wave boats should stay at least 500 feet away from nesting areas. Additionally, the propeller wash can stir up pollutants from the lake bottom, releasing harmful substances back into the ecosystem. These pollutants affect small fish and plants that loons rely on for food.
 - ***Be responsible with while using a wake boat.***
- **Gunshot.** Loons, often mistaken for ducks, have been shot by hunters.
 - ***Always be sure of your target and avoid shooting loons.***

This information is provided courtesy of the **Michigan Loon Preservation Association (MLPA)**, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the Common Loon as a breeding species in Michigan. Through public education, research, and the protection and management of loons and their habitats, the MLPA works to ensure the long-term survival of these iconic birds in the state. Their website can be found at www.MichiganLoons.org.



May Membership Meeting

Please plan to attend the TLPOA Membership Meeting on **Saturday, May 23, 2026** at the Lewiston Elementary School. Come and reacquaint yourself with your lake neighbors over coffee and donuts beginning at 8:30 a.m. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. We try to keep the length of the meeting to an hour or less so everyone can get back to the lakes.



Agenda items include membership, finance, water quality, social events, aeration, Eurasian watermilfoil, and Canada goose control. Our featured speakers will be:

- **Tyler Smith** of **Lewiston Cares** who will provide an update of his organization's efforts to help our community since last year's ice storm and discuss the organization's plans for the future.
- **Greg Bator** who will report on the proposed changes to the **Albert Township Zoning Ordinance** through the lens of the **Greenbelt**. Greg will discuss what the Greenbelt protects, why it matters, and how it shapes the future of our community's natural landscapes while supporting responsible development.

Walleye Spring Survey Alert

Both East and West Twin Lakes are now in the third year of a multi-year walleye study by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). For the past two years, the DNR has conducted fall shocking surveys in each lake to measure the survival rate of fingerlings stocked during the current year.

In addition to these annual fall surveys, the DNR will conduct surveys early this spring on both lakes to target adult fish during the spawning period and ultimately estimate the number of adults currently in each lake.



Fins will be clipped of adult walleye captured during an initial netting activity. Shortly afterwards, a shocking survey will attempt to recapture as many of those clipped fish as possible. The proportion of captured clipped to unclipped fish can then be used to estimate the total adult population in each lake. These surveys will take about a week and will be performed simultaneously with one crew/boat per lake.

Later this spring DNR will additionally conduct a fish community survey (Status & Trends survey) on both lakes in late May or early June which will involve setting some additional nets over the course of 3-4 days. Results from these DNR surveys should be available later this summer.

Loon Fun Facts For more information visit: [//www.michiganloons.org/about/loons/](http://www.michiganloons.org/about/loons/)

Wingspan	5 feet	Length	30 inches
Weight	6-13 pounds	Diet	2-2.5 pounds of fish per day
Flight speed	70 mph	Swim speed	20 mph
Average dive time	45 seconds	Maximum dive time	5 minutes
Nest size	1-2 eggs	Incubation period	26-30 days
Reach adulthood	3 years	Average first nesting	6 years
Calls	wail, tremolo, yodel, and hoot	Lifespan	25-30 years

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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 SUMMER OF 2026 CALENDAR

Event	Date	Time	Location
TLPOA Membership Meeting	Saturday, May 23	8:30 a.m. Welcome with donuts and coffee 9:00 a.m. Meeting	Lewiston Elementary School
Fireworks Sponsored by Twin Lakes Marina	Saturday, July 4	Dusk	East Twin Lake
TLPOA Boat Parades Saturday, 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	TBD	<i>Would you like to volunteer to host?</i>	
Timberfest	Friday & Saturday August 7 & 8	Details at www.lewistonchamber.com/	Downtown Lewiston
Wine & Cheese Party	Friday, August 28	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Twin Lakes Shore Resort
TLPOA Membership Meeting	Saturday, August 22	8:30 a.m. Welcome with coffee and donuts 9:00 a.m. Meeting	Lewiston Elementary School

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 PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR LAKES HEALTHY!***