

# Lewiston Lake Living

## Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

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

AUGUST, 2023

### President's Letter

Where is summer going? It seems just like yesterday when we were putting in docks and planting flowers. But not to worry. Several weeks of good summer weather remain. And fall is still a beautiful time to enjoy our lakes.

In addition to the ongoing Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) management on West Twin and aeration on East Twin, your TLPOA Board is working on several new initiatives. Among them:

- Supporting the Huron Pines organization in producing a stormwater assessment which will help us better understand how stormwater runoff affects the water quality of our lakes.
- Working with an outside organization to identify water quality improvement projects that may qualify for grant funding to supplement TLPOA funding and
- Implementing electronic payments into our TLPOA website to simplify membership dues payments for new members and renewals.

Please join us on **Saturday, August 26** for our annual **TLPOA Membership Business Meeting** where we will hand out awards, address any questions or concerns you may have, and elect board members for the coming year. And you won't want to miss a special presentation by John Jackson which will include the results of a septic system survey completed by many of our TLPOA members.

Then on the evening of **Saturday, August 26**, come out and relax at our annual **Wine & Cheese Party** hosted by Theresa and John Scott on West Twin Lake. Should be a great time to start closing out the summer season.

Thanks to all our members for your continued support.

*Tom Conquest*

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**Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.**

Pat Kish, Editor

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## **TLPOA mission explained**

To The Editor:

This letter is from the Twin Lakes Property Owner's Association, TLPOA. We are a non-profit group organized by member volunteers who own property on or around the East & West Twin Lakes in Lewiston, Mi. The organization was formed over forty years ago and is dedicated to protecting the health of our two lakes for the benefit of property owners and the community.

By far the largest part of our mission is aimed at water quality monitoring of both lakes.

Association volunteers are trained to be citizen scientists through the State of Michigan Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program and test both lakes for water clarity, phosphorus levels, and chlorophyll on a periodic basis, throughout the season. With over 30 years of data on water quality we are able to detect negative trends and react quickly when problems arise.

One of the most successful projects in recent years is the control of Eurasian watermilfoil that was first detected in West Twin Lake a few years ago. The threat of invasive species is constant to our lakes and the TLPOA monitors several of the most prevalent concerns and reacts to issues as they arise. There are many lakes in Michigan that are literally choked with invasive milfoil, but we have successfully prevented further spread of this nuisance species on West Twin by early detection, careful monitoring, and selective treatment campaigns over the last few years.

The aeration program on East Twin is another example of proactive monitoring and action taken by TLPOA volunteers. By introducing oxygen to the decaying matter on the lake bottom with 4 air compressors supplying oxygen to 24 diffusers along the shoreline of East Twin we have helped to reduce the muck and keep it to a more acceptable level.

Currently the Board is helping to fund a storm water assessment study for downtown Lewiston in partnership with Albert Township and the County Road Commission. There is concern over both the amount of storm water that drains from downtown into East Twin Lake and what it carries into the lake as a result of the direct flow and limited retention.

Membership to the TLPOA is completely voluntary for Lake residents and is only supported by approximately 60% of the deeded owners along both lakes. All of the Board Members and citizen volunteers that support the monitoring and maintain the various programs donate their time 100% but even with volunteers, these critical programs are costly, and we need all the support we can get to help keep your lakes clean and safe. If you are a Twin Lakes owner, we need your support. Please join the TLPOA, it is only \$35 for a basic membership.

***Please see our website at [www.tlpoalewistonmi.com](http://www.tlpoalewistonmi.com) for details on membership. Thank you in advance for your support!***

**Twin Lakes Property Owners Association  
Statement of Activities for January 1 to June 30, 2023**

	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
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Lake Stewardships	18,000	10,350	18,000	10,350				
Family Memberships	5,000	3,655	5,000	3,655				
Interest	200	317	200	317				
Other	-	1,085	-	1,085				
Aeration	8,250	5,245			8,250	5,245		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>31,450</b>	<b>20,652</b>	<b>23,200</b>	<b>15,407</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Education	1,000	354	1,000	354				
Memberships and Communication	1,500	994	1,500	994				
Insurance	1,100	1,042	1,100	1,042				
Advertising and Public Relations	1,000	140	1,000	140				
Postal Expense	1,000	514	1,000	514				
Membership Events	600	41	600	41				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	5,800	3,459	5,800	3,459				
Contingency	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Organizational	1,000	139	1,000	139				
Community Donations & Events	5,000	100	5,000	100				
Aeration	7,000	4,358			7,000	4,358		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	5,000	2,363					5,000	2,363
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>13,505</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>6,783</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>4,358</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>2,363</b>
<b>Total Net Income / (Deficit)</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>7,146</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>8,623</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>(2,363)</b>
<b>2023 Beginning Balance Cash and CD</b>		197,199		93,640		12,827		90,732
<b>Balance Cash and CD at June 30, 2023</b>		204,345		102,263		13,714		88,369

# ***TLPOA Wine and Cheese Party***



**Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Hosted by **Theresa and John Scott** at **2270 Cobb Road**.  
Park along Cobb Road or in the two house driveways east of Scott's home.

**Bring two bottles of the same wine** for our TLPOA wine connoisseurs to sample and vote for their favorite. Prizes will be awarded for the wine getting the most votes.

A light dinner will be provided. Bring a finger food or dessert to share (optional).

Background music by the **Cuff Links**, sponsored by the **Twin Lakes Shores Resort** and **Smith Realty**.

*No RSVP required.*

## Wake Boat Final DNR Report

The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources issued its final report on the effects of wake boats on aquatic habitat in late July. The report is excerpted below.

Michigan's current boating laws and regulations are intended to both promote public safety and avoid property damage but were created prior to the commercialization and popularization of wake boats in the early 2000s. As a result of the large waves and increased scour caused by these vessels, the existing 100-foot operating buffers around docks and shorelines on inland lakes are not sufficient to protect aquatic resources.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Division recognizes the recreational value and popularity of wake boats, and recommends the following voluntary best operating practices in support of the continued use of wake boats while minimizing the effects on natural resources:

1. Boats operating in wake-surfing mode or wake-boarding mode are recommended to operate **at least 500 feet from docks or the shoreline**, regardless of water depth.
2. Boats operating in wake-surfing or wake-boarding modes are recommended to operate in water at **least 15 feet deep**.
3. Ballast tanks should be **completely drained prior to transporting** the watercraft over land.

It is recommended that awareness and voluntary adoption of these best operating practices be encouraged through outreach actions and materials to educate wake boat operators.

For more information, the complete 16-page report can be found at <https://mymlsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Fisheries-Report-37-Wake-Boat-Study-Official-Version-Released-on-7.28.2023.pdf>

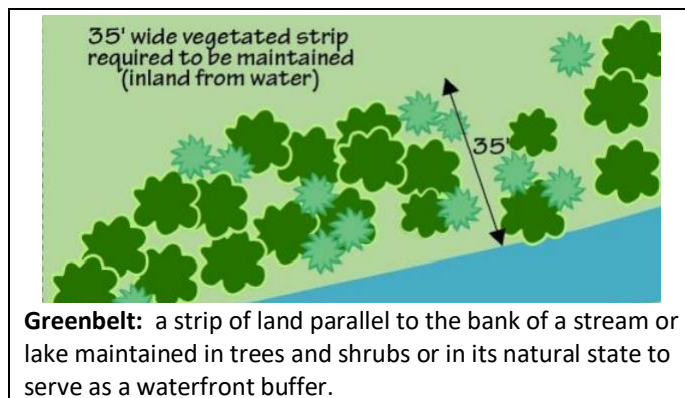
## Lakefront Property Improvements

Thinking of updating your lakefront property? Many of us like to update our property from time to time to improve our property value and enhance our enjoyment of our beautiful lakes. But these updates need to be planned and implemented within the specific local and state ordinances put into place for the good of the local community and the health of our lake resources.

Any property update or improvement within Albert Township must adhere to the Albert Township Zoning Ordinance and requires a permit as explained in the Albert Township website at:

[3bbd25\\_814bf3e19f854138b59806805c38841d.pdf \(alberttownship.com\)](#)

Planned updates near the lakeshore generally fall into an area called the Greenbelt District which is explained in Section 4.14 of the ordinance. In short, the purpose of the Greenbelt District as described in the ordinance "is to provide the most desirable residential areas while preserving the existing quality of the lakes and streams in Albert Township, Montmorency County."



# TLPOA Summer 2023 Photo Album

## Independence Day Boat Parades



TLPOA boaters celebrated our nation's birthday at the Raietta Ott and Pete Petoskey Memorial Boat Parades.

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## Heart of the Summer Party



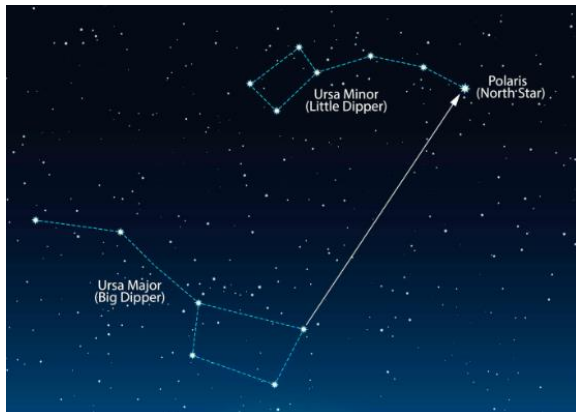
The TLPOA **Heart of the Summer Party** was recently held on the scenic Holiday Park Beach in the Johnson Subdivision on East Twin Lake. The TLPOA provided beverages, while our members provided good food, fellowship, and lively conversation.

Many thanks to **Cindy and Paul Millard** (left) for organizing the event again this year.

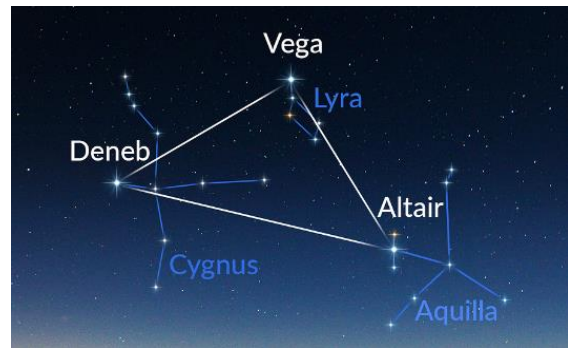
## Starry Starry Nights in Lewiston

Summer nights in Lewiston offer a stunning showcase of constellations that never fail to captivate stargazers. Whether you stargaze from your dock, patio, or yard, you should be able to see three particular summer constellations that stand out for their beauty and intriguing characteristics.

One of the most iconic constellations for Michiganders is Ursa Major, the Great Bear, is a celestial giant that houses the famous Big Dipper, an easily recognizable pattern of stars. Ursa Major's popularity stems from its central role in navigation. The two stars that form the edge of the Big Dipper's bowl point toward the North Star, Polaris, aiding travelers in finding their way. This constellation has significant cultural significance symbolizing strength and guidance.



Next, we have Cygnus, the Swan, whose graceful shape and vivid stars are a treat for stargazers. Cygnus is part of the Summer Triangle, along with two other constellations, Lyra and Aquila. One of the most striking features of Cygnus is the bright star Deneb, which marks the swan's tail. Deneb is one of the most luminous stars known, and its brilliance adds to the allure of this celestial bird. Cygnus holds various mythological interpretations, often linked to the story of Zeus transforming into a swan.



Lastly, we have Hercules, a constellation known for its prominent keystone shape—a quadrilateral of stars that forms the hero's torso. Hercules is particularly captivating due to its numerous deep-sky objects. One notable feature is the Hercules Cluster, a magnificent globular cluster visible to the naked eye on clear nights. The mythological figure of Hercules embodies strength and heroism, adding a sense of adventure to the exploration of this constellation.

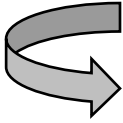


The summer constellations in Lewiston offer a delightful combination of visual appeal and rich mythological associations. Each possess their own allure, whether through their distinctive shapes, bright stars, or captivating stories. Exploring these constellations under the summer night sky allows us to connect with ancient civilizations, appreciate the wonders of the universe, and ignite our imagination.

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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>
<b>Membership Dues</b> 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	\$
<b>Aeration Suggested Contribution</b> 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!	<b>Lakefront Owners</b> Less than 75 ft. of lake frontage      \$50 75 to 125 ft. of lake frontage      \$75 More than 125 ft. of lake frontage      \$100  <b>Shared Access</b> \$25	\$
<b>Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatment</b> 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.	<b>We are currently funded at a sufficient level to meet current needs and have suspended our requests for funding.</b> <b>Thank you!</b>	
<b>MY TOTAL LAKE CONTRIBUTION</b>		\$

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT! PLEASE MAIL 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.

Please make your check payable to TLPOA and mail to  
**P.O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756**



*Mark your calendar!*

## **TLPOA August Membership Meeting**

**The August Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26 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.**

The tentative agenda will include

- Welcome
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
- Ongoing TLPOA Activities
- Water Quality Presentation, Including Septic System Survey Results
- Greenbelt Award Presentation
- Chickadee Award Presentation
- TLPOA Board Elections
- Q&A

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