

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

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

MARCH, 2023

President's Letter

Welcome to a new year on our beautiful East and West Twin Lakes. While I don't necessarily dislike the winter months, I am anxious for the arrival of spring when we can once again enjoy many of the water activities our lakes provide. I'm sure many of you that feel likewise.

During these winter months, your TLPOA Board of Directors continues to meet virtually with a focus on the following:

- managing the control of the EWM invasive vegetation in West Twin
- increasing water clarity in East Twin through several initiatives including the reduction of phosphorous entering the lake
- monitoring the Camp Grayling expansion situation so we can best keep our membership informed
- working to prevent new invasive species from entering our lakes and
- continuing to provide our membership the latest information on how best to protect our lakes through membership meetings, newsletters, and e-mail messages

If you haven't already visited our TLPOA website, I encourage you to do so and to bookmark it on your device. The TLPOA website at <https://www.tlpolewistonmi.com> features the following:

- 1) 2023 Calendar of Events
- 2) Financial statements
- 3) Board of Director meeting minutes
- 4) Membership meeting presentations
- 5) Lake management resource information
- 6) Fun photos of social events

Your TLPOA Board would also love to hear from you with any suggestions, concerns, or ideas you may have. Please drop us a line at our new e-mail address: TwinLakesLewiston@gmail.com.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Spring membership meeting to be held on May 27 at 9:00 AM at the Lewiston School. Additional details will be forthcoming in our next newsletter.

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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 December 31, 2022

	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	16,000	20,700	16,000	20,700				
Family Memberships	5,000	4,830	5,000	4,830				
Interest	200	58	200	58				
Other	-	2,780	-	2,780				
Aeration	7,500	9,135			7,500	9,135		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
Total Revenue	28,700	37,503	21,200	28,368	7,500	9,135	-	-
EXPENSES								
Education	500	594	500	594				
Memberships and Communication	2,500	1,658	2,500	1,658				
Insurance	1,100	1,028	1,100	1,028				
Advertising and Public Relations	500	858	500	858				
Postal Expense	1,500	1,260	1,500	1,260				
Membership Events	600	300	600	300				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	5,800	2,686	5,800	2,686				
Contingency	1,000	-	1,000	-				
Organizational	2,000	287	2,000	287				
Community Donations	1,500	200	1,500	200				
Community Events	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000				
Aeration	7,000	6,019			7,000	6,019		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	10,500	7,244					10,500	7,244
Total Expenses	37,500	25,134	20,000	11,871	7,000	6,019	10,500	7,244
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	(8,800)	12,370	1,200	16,498	500	3,116	(10,500)	(7,244)
2022 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		184,830		77,142		9,711		97,976
Balance Cash and CD at Dec 31, 2022		197,199		93,640		12,827		90,732

Save These Dates

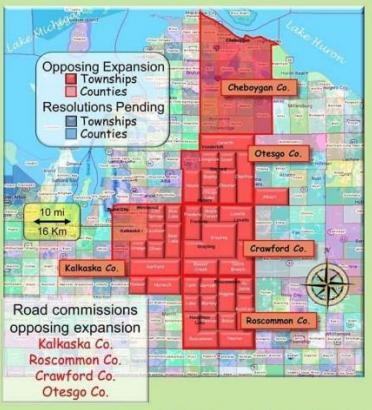
...because it's never too early to look forward to a Michigan summer.

	Date	Location	Time
May Membership Meeting	Saturday, May 27	Lewiston Elementary School	8:30 a.m. coffee, donuts, and socializing 9:00 a.m. meeting
Heart of the Summer Party	Saturday, July 22	Johnson Subdivision Beach	7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Be sure to catch the sunset over East Twin Lake! More details to come.
August Membership Meeting	Saturday, August 26	Lewiston Elementary School	8:30 a.m. coffee, donuts, and socializing 9:00 a.m. meeting
Wine and Cheese Party	Saturday, August 26	Hosted by Theresa and John Scott	Details to be announced.

Proposed Camp Grayling Expansion Update

Counties and townships that have passed resolutions opposing the expansion of Camp Grayling.

Data as of 14 Feb 2023



The Montmorency County Board of Commissioners agreed to consider a resolution opposing the expansion at its meeting on March 2, 2023.

It's beginning to look like the many Michiganders' objections to the expansion of Camp Grayling are reaching state government and the media.

Shannon Lott, Interim Department of Natural Resources Director, said she has received "thousands" of emails opposing the expansion.

In testifying before a state House subcommittee on February 28, she said, "We've been very clear about conversations about cyber testing, making sure that's really the only thing that they need."

"There's only a few days a year where they really need to do that, so we're going to winnow it down to some of those really specific times that they need to do that," Lott said. "And they don't need 162,000 acres to do that," she added.

Her remarks were in reply to a question from Representative Ken Borton (R-Gaylord) who expressed the concerns of local residents over the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling.

Lott said she also fishes in the area.

Some question the DNR Director's **statutory authority** to grant the lease, and Lott seems to agree. "I will tell you that statute does not allow us to lease land like it did in 1941," she said. "So, we are looking at other ways to help them do some of the training exercises that they need."

Camp Grayling is already the largest state National Guard base in the country by a large measure. Most National Guard bases cover 20,000 to 50,000 acres. Camp Grayling is currently 148,000 acres and the proposal would add an additional 162,000 acres. Camp Grayling's current footprint is 230 square miles. If the expansion is approved, Camp Grayling would encompass more than 500 square miles of the northern Lower Peninsula.

There are serious concerns about **private industry leasing Camp Grayling land** in the future for research and development of untested products and technology. Concern centers around the environmental impact of such use, and if, or how much, Michigan would be compensated.

Another reason for concern has been the National Guard's handling of its **PFAS contamination** of Lake Margrethe, the Au Sable and Manistee River systems. In December, a local EGLE supervisor urged the DNR not to approve the expansion unless the Guard improves its pollution cleanup.

To keep up-to-date on developments regarding the Camp Grayling expansion, consider joining the private **Facebook group titled "Camp Grayling expansion."** Its administrators have done a great job in keeping the issue at the forefront which has recently attracted more and more attention from media as well as state and federal legislators. The non-partisan Facebook group is well-moderated and currently has more than 7,000 members. The Facebook group posts links to many articles and videos as well as updates to the growing opposition by both governmental and non-governmental organizations.

In addition to the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is reviewing a proposal to expand the military airspace over northern Michigan. In some places, jets would be allowed to fly as low as 300 feet.

Keep Your Lake Neighbors in the Dark!!



It's no secret that light pollution affects outdoor animals. So this is a friendly reminder to be aware that if you use shoreline, dock or yard lighting, please be respectful to our entire lake community, including the animals with whom we share our lakes.

Please turn your outdoor lights off when you go to bed and when you are not occupying your lake home. Your neighbors, including the animals, will appreciate your consideration.

Dock, shoreline or yard lights have a deleterious effect on the ecosystems of East and West Twin Lakes. Artificial light can wreak havoc on natural body rhythms in both humans and animals. Nocturnal light interrupts sleep and confuses the circadian rhythm—the internal, twenty-four-hour clock that guides day and night activities—and affects physiological processes in nearly all living organisms.

Studies show that light pollution impacts animal behaviors such as migration patterns, wake-sleep habits, and habitat formation. Because of light pollution, birds guided by moonlight during migration get confused, lose their way, and often die. Large numbers of insects, a primary food source for fish, birds and other animals, are drawn to artificial lights and are instantly killed upon contact with light sources. Because of this many cities have adopted a "Lights Out" program to turn off building lights at night.

A study of blackbirds found that artificial night lighting causes birds in the city to become active earlier than birds in natural areas—waking and singing as much as five hours sooner than their country cousins.

Even animals living underwater may be affected by underwater artificial lighting. One study looked at how marine animals responded to brightly lit panels submerged under water. Fewer filter feeding animals made their homes near the lighted panels. This could mean that dock and yard lights could be altering underwater ecosystems.

Light pollution is making an impact even in places meant to provide protected natural habitats for wildlife. The National Park Service (NPS) has made maintaining a dark night sky a priority. The NPS Night Skies Team has been monitoring night sky brightness in some one hundred parks, and nearly every park showed at least some light pollution.

West and East Twin Lakes are "Up North" surrounded by miles and miles of forests and natural areas that are full of abundant wildlife. Please be respectful of that fact and turn off your yard, dock and shoreline lights when you go to bed and when you are not here.

All the critters in our lake community will thank you.

TLPOA Members May Now Opt Out of Some Paper Newsletters



Our Lewiston Lake Living newsletter is published every March, May, August, and November. TLPOA members may now choose to do away with receiving a paper copy of the March, May and August newsletters and receive those issues only via email. Our annual membership drive takes place during November, so a paper copy of the newsletter will be mailed to all members to provide a handy paper copy of the membership form (see Page 7 of this newsletter) to be used to renew their membership.

If you would like to receive the March, May and August newsletters by email and November newsletter in the postal mail, please be sure to check the box at the top of the membership form in this newsletter.

Welcome to the TLPOA Board, Alex!

The TLPOA Board is pleased to introduce its newest member, **Alex Goodall**. Alex is a graduating senior at Hope College, studying civil engineering and playing lacrosse for the last four years. His family built a cottage on the south shore of West Twin Lake 53 years ago, where Alex has spent the last 22 summers. He is an avid outdoorsman who has spent most of his time bass fishing West Twin Lake and deer hunting the numerous acres of public land around the Lewiston area. He writes, "I am very excited to join the TLPOA Board and help spread my passion and knowledge to ensure the health of the lakes and surrounding ecosystems." Welcome, Alex!



We are sad to report that former TLPOA Board President, Albert Township Supervisor, and frequent contributor to this newsletter **Mike Dombrowski** passed away early on March 1, 2023.

Mike was an ardent supporter of the TLPOA and the Lewiston community. He will be missed. Please keep the Dombrowski family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Tragedy Strikes Our Lewiston Community

On the evening of January 29, a house fire took the life of six-year-old Annabella Kritzman. Many local organizations and individuals have stepped up to raise funds for the Kritzman family who have lost everything in the fire.

If you will not be in Lewiston and would like to help, please send a check made out to The Kritzman Family to one of the following addresses:

Lewiston Elementary School, 4580 Montmorency Street, Lewiston, MI 49756,
Community Financial Credit Union, P. O. Box 9, Lewiston, MI 49756, or
Huston Real Estate, P. O. Box 146, Lewiston, MI 49756.

In addition, a **GoFundMe** account has been established to help support the Kritzman family at <https://gofund.me/5ee4a545>.



State Awards \$3.6 million For Invasive Species Projects

The State of Michigan recently announced that 35 projects will share \$3.6 million in grants through the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program. The program addresses prevention, detection, eradication and control of aquatic (water-based) and terrestrial (land-based) invasive species in Michigan.

This year's grants also support 21 regional cooperative invasive species management areas, the network of partnership organizations working to manage and control invasive species and provide service to all 83 counties in the state. Projects include enhanced education and outreach, technical assistance to landowners, and survey and treatment of high-priority invasive species.

What can you do to protect our lakes from invasive species?

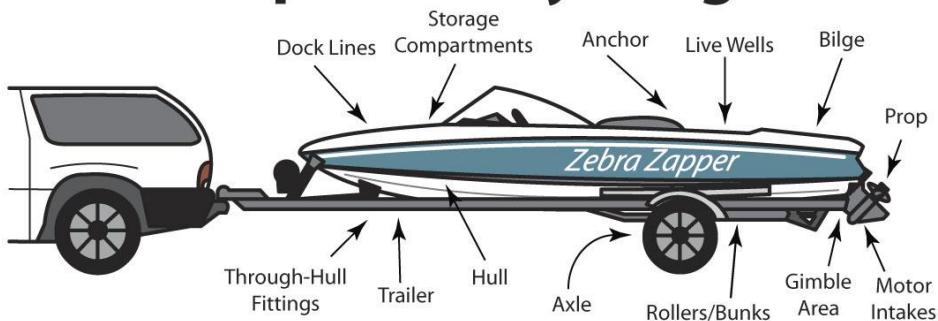


STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

To comply with the law and prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, boaters should:

1. **CLEAN** boats, trailers and equipment.
2. **DRAIN** live wells, bilges and all water - pull all drain plugs.
3. **DRY** boats and equipment.
4. **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash.

**Before leaving and before launching...
inspect everything!**



Be especially on the lookout for these non-native invasive species:

Eurasian watermilfoil



Zebra mussels



Quagga mussels



>>> Please check your newsletter mailing label for your current membership status. <<<

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 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

Are You a *Current* Member of TLPOA?

To determine if you are a current member check the mailing label below. If you've paid your 2023 dues, you are a member in good standing and the mailing label will say, "YOUR TLPOA DUES ARE PAID IN FULL. THANK YOU." If this is the case you have our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. We can't do what we do without you.

If you are not a member in good standing for 2023, your label will say either, "PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022" or "PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LAKES & JOIN TLPOA." If this is the case, please fill out the membership form at the back of this newsletter and send it along with your check to: **TLPOA, PO Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756.**

We are counting on you. TLPOA is an entirely volunteer organization, including all funding and the work done by our board members and other volunteers.

So, ***please, do your part and join*** with your lake neighbors as a member of TLPOA.

Do it right now! Please fill out the membership form at the back of this newsletter and send it along with your check to: **TLPOA, P.O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756.**

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***** **BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL.** *****

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