

POA

NEWSLETTER

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Island, Lower Long and Forest Lake
Property Owner's Association (POA)

Hello fellow riparians! If you went south, or elsewhere, for the winter then welcome back to spring in Michigan!

It's fun, of course, to spend winters in a warmer climate, but it's equally fun to return home to lakeside Michigan living in the spring / summer! There's nothing better than witnessing the grass turning green, buds on trees, forsythia, dogwood and tulips coming into full bloom. And, yes, even honking geese portend to the upcoming summer (even though we all agree we can easily do without the geese—I'm sure!).

Unfortunately, the six swan cygnets and their parents on Forest Lake that I wrote about last year are nowhere to be found this year, at least over here on Forest lake. That's surprising since swans habitually return to familiar waters in the spring—if they leave at all. Unfortunately, that's the same for geese who migrate south in the fall; they typically return to the same summer waterways they habitat annually since birth. Both swans and geese mate for life. So, if you see one, there's likely a mate nearby who's perhaps nesting. Frankly, I haven't seen many swans or geese on our lakes this spring season, but I've only been back for about a week and (as of the writing of this) it's still early May. We'll have to wait and see how the season unfolds. God willing, we'll get a pair (or two!) of swans on each of our lakes this year.

I'm encouraging everyone to visit our website regularly at ILFPOA.com as we plan to edit it regularly with updates and other POA newsworthy topics. For example, the full LakePro Water Quality Review for each of our three lakes (summarized elsewhere in this newsletter) is available on the website. Also, as we look forward to becoming more *on-line* in the near future, please be sure and provide your email address where indicated on your dues invoice receipt.

I'm anticipating a great 2022 summer season now that the specter of COVID is behind us—at least I hope it is!

Be sure to have a safe and enjoyable summer season on our lakes!

Annual Meeting!



TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH AT 7 PM
AT THE MAIN BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP AUDITORIUM
(FIRST / MAIN FLOOR)

With guest speakers: Dani Walsh, Bloomfield Twp. Supervisor
& Tyson Woods from LakePro



Please keep this newsletter as a reference to use throughout the year. Comments or suggestions can be forwarded to Terry Counihan at (248) 884-4163 or terrycounihan@att.net

POA WEBSITE: Check out our POA website at: ILFPOA.com

The annual newsletter, water quality reports, Lake Committee reports and other periodic updates are available online for your convenience at ILFPOA.com

WHAT DOES YOUR POA DO?

Following is a *partial* list of what your POA does for you:

- Establishes goose control policies and practices. Arranges and pays for goose egg retrieval and goose round ups.
- Advocates for residents at Bloomfield Twp. Zoning Board of Appeals as necessary.
- Maintains boat launch sites for each of our lakes and other common areas.
- Provides for commercial liability and D & O insurance for owned property, launch sites and for BOD directors.
- Arranges and pays for circulation of *Oakland Lakefront* and *Michigan Riparian* magazines.
- Liaises with legislative and citizen groups including United Bloomfield Homeowners, Michigan Lakes Streams, and MI Waterfront Alliance.
- Coordinates lake water quality testing, analysis and publication of results.
- Advocates on behalf of neighbors and our neighborhood regarding issues of local concern with Bloomfield Twp. executive offices and Police Department, Bloomfield Hills School Board, state legislature, etc.
- Publishes this annual newsletter and coordinates our annual meeting.
- Board members Ned Greenberg, Mike Vlasic and Steven Grekin also serve as Lake Board SAD reps for each of our lakes (see **LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARDS** on page 5).

LAKE LAUNCH SITES

When launching or removing your boat on Island Lake, contact Ned Greenberg for outlot gate lock combination. For Lower Long Lake, contact Mike Vlasic. The Forest Lake boat launch is at Forest Lake Country Club. The key is held by the Club General Manager, Jackie Polly who can be contacted at 248-332-8300. If you have trouble reaching any of the above, call POA Board member Terry Counihan. Please be sure to close and re-lock the gate after using it. Also, please be reminded that launch sites are not marinas and must not be used for boat storage and/or trailer storage of any type. Any boats or other equipment left at any of our launch sites will be removed at the owner's expense.



For your information, the POA owns and maintains the Lower Long Lake launch site. The POA has an easement and a management contract to maintain the Island Lake launch site. Forest Lake Country Club (FLCC), which is a member of our POA, owns the Forest Lake launch site. Although the POA helps to maintain all three of these launch sites, it is important to treat all of these areas as if they were your own and to remember that as far as the Forest Lake site is concerned, we are able to use the launch site due to the good and beneficial nature of our neighbors. Please, do not do anything to jeopardize this!

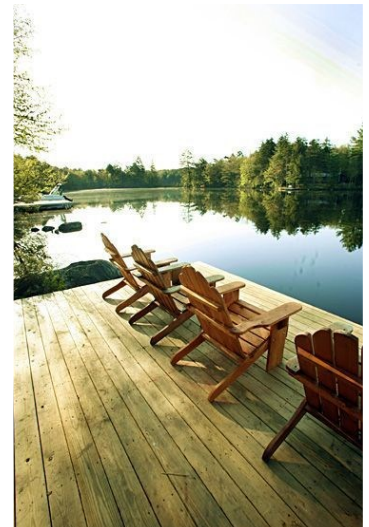
This year, your POA is planning on rebuilding the Lower Long Lake launch site after completing the same on Island Lake last year. Please excuse the inconvenience of non-accessibility of sites for a few days later this summer due to reconstruction.

POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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DUES / FINANCES

As always, a financial report will be available at the **POA Annual Meeting at the Bloomfield Township Main Auditorium on Tuesday, June 28th at 7PM.** Based on a preliminary report, your POA Board has authorized maintaining dues of \$100.00 per riparian residence and \$25.00 for non-riparians and Special Riparians for 2022 ***unchanged for over twenty (20) years!*** An invoice and self-addressed, stamped envelope are enclosed for your convenience. **Annual POA dues are due and payable NOW upon receipt.** Be a good neighbor and mail your dues in promptly.



Boat Dockage

Bloomfield Twp ordinances also provide for a single dock per riparian (lakeside) lot and up to two (2) boats (no motorboats) moored thereon. Seasonal (summer) storage is on the water only, and not on land, whether on either a riparian or non-riparian lot.

PHRAGMITES

This is an exceptionally invasive nuisance plant which has begun to invade some of the lakes in our area. This predator plant is known to choke out wide swaths of native aquatic plant life in SE Michigan and has been identified on all three (3) of our lakes. Phragmites grow very quickly up to a rate of nearly fifteen (15) feet per year! Like invasive purple loosestrife, the stalky, plumed top plant is quite attractive especially when it flows gracefully in a gentle breeze. But it spreads rapidly and is very difficult to control. A good example of phragmites run amok is along the west side of southbound Telegraph just south of the Bloomfield Township campus. For more information of about phragmites, please refer to: www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov.



ENVIRONMENTAL HOTLINE

A 24 hour hotline is available to report unusual water and sewer related incidents.
Call (248) 858-0931 if you witness:

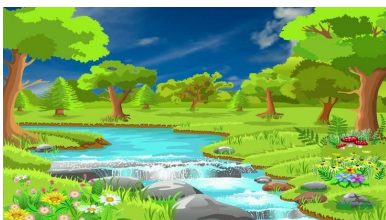
- Leaky septic systems or other runoff from storage piles.
- Suspicious lake conditions or activities on or around our lakes.
- Dead or distressed fish or animals.
- Sedimentation.
- An unusual or suspicious discharge in a catch basin or waterway.
- Dumping of animal waste or other liquid or solid waste on or near our lakes.



Public Safety will direct the call to the appropriate agency. The Drain Commissioner's Office will be notified if the situation will affect water resources. The Drain Office will insure that these complaints are addressed. If you witness an environmental violation taking place, do not attempt to approach the offenders, call Oakland County Public Safety 24/7 at (248) 858-0931.

Clean Lake Water IMPERATIVES:

To preserve and protect our lake waterways, please always remember that anything running off your property and into the storm sewers on the road in front of your house flows directly into the lake in your backyard. Never let pet waste or household chemical, cleaners, etc. into the storm drains.



MICHIGAN LAKES AND STREAMS ASSOCIATION (MLSA)

For over 60 years, MLSA has promoted the interests of riparians in Michigan. From conservation to riparian rights to watershed management to educational outreach to legislative initiatives, MLSA has been a strong advocate for the rights of lake-front residents and their POA's.

For example, MLSA successfully blocked public access initiatives in the Michigan legislature and many other issues of importance to riparians. The **Michigan Riparian** magazine is a publication of the MLSA and MLSA is a regular contributor to the **Oakland Lakefront** magazine. While your POA is a member of MLSA, individual memberships are also available with significant benefits not otherwise available to organizations. For more information about MLSA, check out their website at www.mlsa.org

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARDS:

Each of our lakes has its own separate Lake Management Board (LMB) which oversees lake management practices including weed harvesting, chemical applications and water quality analysis. Each lake LMB has its own “special assessment district” (SAD) established by Bloomfield Twp. for purposes of assessing and collecting an assessment each summer for your pro rata share of the cost of that year’s lake management activities. Please be advised that ***Your POA is separate and distinct from your Lake Management Board.*** Each LMB meets as necessary but at least once every four years and each resident receives notice of these meetings. It is the responsibility of the LMB to decide what kind of weed control (i.e., harvesting and/or herbicides/algacides) to use and how much. As a riparian, you can have a voice in this process by attending your lake’s LMB meeting or by contacting the members of your lake’s LMB (below).

The following are members of all the Lake Boards in Bloomfield Township:

Dani Walsh, Bloomfield Township Supervisor (dwalsh@bloomfieldtwp.org)
Martin Brook, Bloomfield Township Clerk (mbrook@bloomfieldtwp.org)
Jacy Garrison, Oakland County Drain Commission (GarrisonJ@oakgov.com)
Chuck Moss, Oakland County Commissioner (mosscc@oakgov.com)

In addition, POA Board members of the respective LMBs are:

<u>Lake</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone (248)</u>
Island	Ned Greenberg	1577 Island Ln	757-2350
Lower Long	Mike Vlasic	1211 Club Dr.	760-0174
Forest	Steven Grekin	1350 Lochridge	705-9102

If you have a question or concern about weed harvesting (especially when harvesting is occurring), you should contact your local resident member above or the harvester indicated below.

There are many types of naturally occurring weeds in our lakes. However, left alone even naturally occurring weeds tend to take over shallow areas in lakes through a process known as eutrophication in which weeds grow in summer and then die in the fall with dead weeds accumulating as muck on the lake bottom which is a natural fertilizer perpetuating the cycle.

Good lake management practices include removing as much of this bio mass matter, and weed harvesting is a primary method of doing so. However, to maintain a healthy environment for fish and other aquatic life, which depend on aquatic weeds for nutrition and nesting, not every area of our lakes is harvested. Instead, we concentrate on shorelines and other shallow areas and leave ample areas unharvested to help support healthy aquatic life.

Lake weeds will continue to grow as long as water temperature is in the mid 50's or higher and ambient sunlight is around twelve (12) hours per day both of which typically occurs up to late September. Accordingly, it is still beneficial to harvest after the traditional boating season ends (i.e., Labor Day) since the objective of lake weed harvesting is to remove as much bio-mass as possible.

Following is this year’s approximate weed harvesting schedule. (Dates are tentative and subject to weather and other conditions)



	Island Lake	Lower Long Lake	Forest Lake
1st Harvest	June 1-6	June 1-6	June 1-6
2nd Harvest	July 20-25	July 18-22	July 20-25
3rd Harvest	Aug 31-Sept 5	Aug 25-Sept 1	Aug 31-Sept 5
Harvester	Ty at Oakland Harvesters	Ty at Oakland Harvesters	Mike Mogle
Contact	(248) 886-4465 or (248) 767-7822		(239) 272-8219

Prior to each harvest, please plainly mark at the deep water end all sprinkler intake pipes, hoses, filters or any other area that the harvester should avoid such as something manmade or floating in or on the water or on the lake floor. Please remove any tree limbs or other debris that may have fallen in the water from your property that may obstruct access to shallow water areas to be harvested.

The harvester is not obligated to harvest closer than five (5) feet from any raft, dock, boat, platform or other obstruction. Harvesting is not effective in less than 18”-24” of water typically found near shorelines.

If you believe that damage has been done to your property by the harvesting operation, please contact the appropriate harvester contact per the above. The contractor may not be responsible for damage or repairs not reported in a timely manner. Finally, please be advised that ***launch sites are not available for resident’s use during harvesting.***

FERTILIZER USE

FERTILIZER USE: State law restricts the use of phosphorus based fertilizers to new lawns and golf courses only. In addition, Bloomfield Twp Ordinance 621 monitors commercial fertilizer applicators in compliance with the new state law. For more information including a listing of lake-safe fertilizer applicators and retail outlets, visit the Bloomfield Twp. website at www.bloomfieldtwp.org and follow the FLOW or FERTILIZER links. Or contact the Bloomfield Twp. Water & Sewer Dept. at (248) 433-7731.

Please be aware that as riparians, the absolute best eco-friendly answer to the question of lawn fertilizer use is **NOT TO USE ANY LAWN FERTILIZER AT ALL** as its inevitable run-off into our lakes undoubtedly contributes to weed growth, lesser water quality and algae blooms. Using lake water to irrigate your lawns and gardens assures a natural nutrient rich fertilization every time you water and it's very cost effective! However, if you must use fertilizer, choose a no phosphorus/slow nitrogen release formula.

One way to avoid irrigation and rain water runoff into our lakes is to have a natural barrier or "greenbelt" along the water front at least to ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet wide instead of grass. Greenbelt alternatives include: natural grasses (which should not be mowed), wildflowers, plant groundcovers, ferns, perennials and shrubs.



NO MOTOR BOATS ON OUR LAKES

NO MOTOR BOATS ON OUR LAKES: Bloomfield Twp. Ordinance 211 prohibits the use of gas motorboats on lakes in Bloomfield Twp. If you see a gas powered motor boat or jet ski or other gas powered boat or personal water craft on our lakes, write down the registration number of the boat (usually on the upper front hull) and contact the Bloomfield Twp. Police at (248) 435-7755. Both Bloomfield Twp. Supervisor Leo Savoie and the Police Department have given us assurance that complaints **will be investigated** but the boat registration number **is necessary** in order for the police to complete the identification process and to initiate an investigation. Also, if you navigate our lakes in a new higher powered electric, try to stay at least 100 feet off-shore due to the increased danger to swimmers and damage to shorelines from wakes posed by faster boats. Please boat safely at all times!



The advent of high speed electric powered boats has raised issues such as speed limits, no wake zones, etc. on our lakes. Please be advised that your POA Board is actively working with the Bloomfield Twp Board of Trustees in addressing these issues. At this time, we are awaiting MI DNR approval of an ordinance proposal. When received, public hearings will be convened and all riparians will be notified of such by Bloomfield Township.



UNPAID DUES

Pursuant to a vote of the POA Board and the POA general membership in 2002, the POA may file a lien for unpaid dues on residences for which annual dues are unpaid for at least three years through 2021. In addition, the POA Board and general membership have agreed to publish the names and addresses of chronic non-payers. There are currently 11 open liens valued at \$13,400. About \$15,000 has been collected on liens since 2002. If you are interested in knowing which of your neighbors has not consistently paid dues over the last few years and/or for whom a lien has been filed at the Oakland County Clerk's office, please contact Terry Counihan.

OUTSIDE NOCTURNAL LIGHTING & ALGAE

(from: *MLSWA Newsletter*, March 2008) Recent studies show that light pollution around lakes (i.e., night illumination on lake surfaces) inhibits zooplankton (small water borne invertebrates that ordinarily rise to feed at night) from eating surface algae, causing algae blooms that kill off aquatic life and lower water quality. So, do your part for the environment and your lake by using lights that never shine or reflect across a lake surface. Make sure your outdoor lights are only on when needed. Finally, reduce the wattage of exterior bulbs near the lake front.

LAKE RIGHTS

Our lakes are our private property and are intended to be for the enjoyment of resident riparians and their families and guests. There is no public access on any of our lakes. Nevertheless, it has happened in the past that unauthorized individuals have gained access to our lakes. If you see someone you don't recognize using our lakes, or if you see anyone abusing the lakes in any way, be sure to write down the license number or boat registration number (see: **NO MOTOR BOATS ON OUR LAKES**) and then contact Bloomfield Twp. Police at (248) 433-7755. Our complaints will be investigated, but it is up to us to assist the police in the process of identifying the perpetrators. Also, after using your lake's launch site to put in or take out your boat, be sure to close and lock the gate when you are finished.

LAKE WATER QUALITY TESTING

Since 2002, we have hired an independent laboratory to conduct qualified professional testing of each of our lake's water. Our lake's water is tested multiple times each summer season for pH, electrical conductivity, dissolved oxygen, dissolved solids, fluoride, chloride, nitrates, nitrites, phosphates, sulfates, and chlorophyll-A. For a complete view of 2019, 2020 and 2021 test results, see our website at **ILFPOA.org**. A summary of Lake Pro's report for each of our lakes is included elsewhere in the newsletter. For 2022, **LakePro Inc** has again this year been hired to evaluate our lake(s) water quality. A representative from **LakePro**, will attend our **Annual POA Meeting** on **Tuesday, June 28th** at the **Bloomfield Township Main Auditorium** at **7PM** to provide insights and to address any concerns you may have about the quality of our lake water.

BOAT STORAGE

Bloomfield Twp. Ordinance 265/394 prohibits the winter storage of boats outside on residential property. Please be advised that this ordinance will be enforced and that violators will be subject to a \$50.00 fine levied by the Bloomfield Twp. Police Department.



ZEBRA MUSSELS

In the late fall of 2011, Zebra Mussels were identified in Lower Long Lake for the first time along the south, east and northeast shorelines.

Zebra Mussels are an invasive species that have now spread throughout the Great Lakes and many inland lakes in Michigan and elsewhere. Zebra Mussels are voracious *filter feeders* and their presence creates two main concerns: first, they will effectively filter so much microscopic food out of a lake that it can change a lake's ecosystem as a whole. Second, they will attach themselves and clog your irrigation inlet pipe as they need hard surfaces to cling to.

Unfortunately, there are no practical ways to prevent or control the spread of Zebra Mussels. They seem to be here to stay. If you encounter Zebra Mussels, handle with care as their shells can be sharp. After removal from your dock posts, boat bottom or other hard surface, be sure to dispose of Zebra Mussels as you would any other yard waste (i.e., leaves, grass clippings, etc.). For more information see: http://fl.biology.usgs.gov/Zebra_musselFAQs/zebra_mussel_faqs.html



LAKE SAFETY

An unfortunate incident occurred on one of our lakes resulting in a drowning last August. Please be cautioned to enjoy water recreation as safely as possible. It is always recommended to not be alone on any lake (swimming, canoeing, boating, etc.) without a life jacket. Always inform friends and family when you plan on being on the lake.



ROAD MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

Needless to say, the exceptionally harsh winter we recently endured has taken its toll on our roads. Please be patient, however, as repairs are in the works! As to *Who Fixes Which Roads*, let me explain: (1) major thoroughfares such as Square Lake Rd., Long Lake Rd., Franklin Rd. and Telegraph are the responsibility of the Oakland County Road Commission. Questions or concerns can be called in to Oakland County Customer Service at (248) 858-4804. (2) Bloomfield Twp. maintains most streets in our area; at least all of those streets identified with green signs and white lettering. For these, Olivia Budzyn is BT Public Works director and can be reached at (248) 433-7700. (3) All other roads are considered private roads and are the responsibility of resident homeowners, and not Bloomfield Twp. or Oakland County. As to road repaving, this is a very complex issue. I suggest you contact Ms. Budzyn with your questions and concerns.

LAKEFRONT LANDSCAPING

To prevent runoff of potentially harmful discharges, leaves, grass clippings etc. into our lakes, a lakeside greenbelt is recommended. A greenbelt is a strip of land along the lakeshore of at least ten (10) feet wide made up of your choice of natural grasses, wildflowers, plant groundcovers, ferns, perennials as well as bushes and shrubs. For more information, visit: www.mlsa.org.



We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love. This is what our mission statement tells you but we are also a part of your community and we invite you to learn more about us!

We have a casual Garden Service (bring your own chair) and Garden Club (Sunday School) at 9 am and a Sanctuary Service at 11 am on Sundays. We also have coffee hour on our newly renovated front patio from 9:45-11 am which is a great way to socialize and meet people!

If you would like to sample our worship services from home, please check out our streaming options. On the homepage of our website (kirkinthehills.org) there is a *Worship From Home* button that directs you to the livestream, or you can watch from our Facebook page. Past messages are available as well.

Our much-anticipated *Carillon Series* begins on June 26th and will run through August 28th. Concerts will take place at 9:45 am and noon and last approx. 30 minutes. Everyone is welcome! We have a car show on June 12th, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, youth groups, a wonderful choir program for children, youth and adults, groups for seniors, and numerous opportunities to participate in mission work. If any of these appeal to you, please stop by our Welcome Center, call or check out our website for more information.

One thing to note: we have a construction project beginning in mid-June to rebuild the Refectory Terrace which encompasses portions of the west side and rear of the church. We apologize, in advance, if you are disturbed by any noise during this time.

We welcome you to join us and encourage you to call the church (248) 626-2515 if you have any questions.



LAKE MANAGEMENT UPDATE:



LakePro provides lake management services to Island, Lower Long, and Forest Lake. LakePro is responsible for pre-harvesting vegetation surveys, harvesting inspections, algicide/herbicide applications, water quality testing, and additional recommendations to keep the lakes in the best shape.

LakePro provides all three lakes with three pre-harvest vegetation surveys and three harvest inspections. We locate, identify, and map vegetation throughout the lake during our surveys. To record biomass, depth, and composition, we utilize the BioBase software with data captured by two Lowrance HDS-7s equipped with a 3-in-1 Active Imaging transducer and a Humminbird Helix 5. Plant identification is done visually and translated to exact areas with the help of GPS devices. After each survey, we send the vegetation map to the harvesters with directions on where to cut. During our harvest inspections, we compare these maps to the results at the time before they remove their machines. Upon completion of the inspection, we may recommend "touch-up" harvesting in certain areas or determine the harvester's work to be satisfactory, and the invoice should be paid.

LakePro utilizes a YSI ProDSS multimeter probe for field tests and a Hach DR1900 for Lab Testing. All three lakes are currently in good standing with the water quality standards set by EGLE, EPA, and LakePro. Testing on each lake includes the following parameters: Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, Total Phosphorus, Ortho-phosphate, Nitrate, Chlorophyll-*a*, Transparency, pH, Total Dissolved Solids, Conductivity, and Alkalinity. Each water body also receives one depth profile. Depth profiles measure Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, and Salinity at increments of three feet throughout the water column. Depth profiles are important to determine a lake's thermocline and trophic state. The following is a summary of the lake management efforts on each lake.

Island Lake

Mechanical Plant Harvesting

The Island Lake Board contracts Oakland Harvesters to harvest the aquatic plants three times during the summer.

Herbicide Treatments

LakePro also provides herbicide treatments on the lake as needed for the invasive Eurasian Milfoil and Phragmites. Typically, treatments are completed with the use of contact herbicides. LakePro plans to conduct the milfoil treatment the week of June 20th to gain control before July 4th. Phragmites control usually occurs in August or early September. Once phragmites are controlled, dead plant material may linger on your property. The removal of this material is not included as part of LakePro's contract. Should you want the dead plant material removed, please contact LakePro, and we will assist you. A yellow notification sign will be posted where necessary for any treatment. It may include a 24-hour swimming restriction, a 5-day restriction on turf and ornamental irrigation, and a 7-day restriction on food crop irrigation with water from the lake.

Water Quality Testing

LakePro also tests the lake water twice a year, once in late April/early May and in late August/early September. Tests are conducted at two locations and include several parameters to check the lake's health. LakePro also performs E. coli testing at two locations before each holiday (Memorial, 4th, Labor Day.) The water quality and E. coli results determine that Island Lake is currently healthy and has no immediate issues.

Lower Long Lake

Mechanical Plant Harvesting

The Lower Long Lake Board contracts Oakland Harvesters to harvest the aquatic plants three times during the summer.

Water Quality Testing

LakePro also tests the lake water twice a year, once in late April/early May and in late August/early September. Tests are conducted at four locations and include several parameters to check the lake's health. LakePro also performs E. coli testing at four locations before each holiday (Memorial, 4th, Labor Day.) The water quality and E. coli results determine that Lower Long Lake is currently healthy and has no immediate issues. LakePro also tests the water for heavy metals biannually. The previous six heavy metal tests returned zero or near zero results, meaning heavy metals are not currently a worry in Lower Long Lake.

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Forest Lake

Mechanical Plant Harvesting

The Forest Lake Board contracted Mike's Clearwater Harvesting to harvest the aquatic plants three times during the summer.

Herbicide Treatments

The Forest Lake Board contracted Aqua-Weed Control to provide herbicide treatments on the canals as needed for nuisance plant and algae control. Treatments take place periodically throughout the summer as needed. Before the treatment, Aqua-Weed Control will post yellow notification signs that include any applicable water use restrictions, so please read the sign before swimming or watering with the lake water.

Water Quality Testing

LakePro also tests the lake water twice a year, once in late April/early May and in late August/early September. Tests are conducted at two locations and include several parameters to check the lake's health. The water quality results determine that Forest Lake is currently healthy and has no immediate issues other than long standing elevated salinity levels which do not appear to be worsening over the past several years.

WE GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

I often receive questions from neighbors about boat and dock services, landscaping, snow removal etc. so I've decided to start this new section to advertise those professionals we've worked with and highly endorse. As a neighbor/POA resident, feel free to recommend yourselves! As an example, my dentist and dermatologist are both POA member/neighbors. I highly recommend them but they don't need me to do that—they can do it themselves! To get this process stated, I'm going to recommend my new dock/boat service, PD (see card). Jason, Austin and Hunter are qualified, experienced, show up on time and are reasonably priced.

Pass your suggestions on to me at: terrycounihan@att.net. I envision a page, or so, of recommendations in the near future!

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GOOSE CONTROL

As in prior years your POA-BOD has hired an outside firm, **Goose-Busters** to conduct Michigan DEQ approved **goose egg retrieval** in late April. This year, Goose-Busters removed (via **retrieval**) 271 goose eggs! **Goose round-up** is also managed by **Goose-Busters** and occurs in mid/late June except it is unavailable this year because of an avian flu epidemic in geese.



Between the two goose control practices, we average about 200 geese taken annually with a high of 418 in 2021 and a low of 112 in 2005.



CATCH AND RELEASE

As you are probably aware, all three (3) of our lakes have an abundance of fish life, especially smaller species such as blue gills and crappies and not nearly enough larger fish including bass and pike. Be a good neighbor and abide by a catch-and-release policy as it relates to catching and releasing larger fish on our lakes. Be sure to advise your guests fishing on our lakes of our catch and release policy as well.



FOREST LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

FLCC is a long standing member of our community and a member in good standing of our POA paying dues and helping to maintain the Forest Lake boat launch site. A fair number of POA residents are already members. A variety of memberships are available this year at FLCC. To take advantage of FLCC's outstanding dining and recreational facilities (e.g., golf, tennis, swimming, exercise equipment, Jr. programs, etc.) feel free to contact Jackie Polly, FLCC GM at (248) 332-8300.



CONSTRUCTION & MAINTAINANCE HOURS OF OPERATION

Please be a good neighbor and restrict construction and lawn maintenance activities at your home to between the hours of 8am & 7pm Monday-Saturday.



KIRKWAY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Bloomfield Township is drafting a petition to residents on and about Kirkway Rd. regarding repaving. However, this may be delayed as Bloomfield Township is considering increasing the majority of votes necessary for passage from 51% currently as much as 80%. So, repaving Kirkway is still in the mix so to speak, but it may take some additional time.



Club Drive Safety Path

Bloomfield Township has approved this concept as part of its Master Plan. However, at this time the project is on hold given neighborhood objections and the complexity of constructing a sidewalk along Club Dr. adjacent to the golf course.



Don't forget!

OUR **POA ANNUAL MEETING** IS
TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH at 7 pm

at the Bloomfield Township Main Auditorium

With guest speakers: Dani Walsh, Bloomfield Twp. Supervisor
& Tyson Woods from LakePro

See you there!

