

POA

NEWSLETTER



TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL EDITION SPRING 2023

Hello neighbors! And *Welcome Back* if you were away for the winter!

I'm told it was a relatively mild winter around here this year with below average snow and above average temperatures. Sorry I missed that! I must say that it was a banner year, weather-wise, in South Florida. (Except for the last 2-3 weeks of April where the pattern was VERY hot, humid and wet!) Lou Ann and I returned to Michigan on April 30th. I don't need to remind anyone of what that first week of May was like around here! (And I left South Florida for this???) But this week (as I write this) we approach Mother's Day and it is much more seasonal—not a cloud in the sky, no rain and temperatures approaching 80 degrees! It's no wonder Snow Birds return north to roost for the summer—especially if you're fortunate to live on one of Bloomfield Hill's several private lakes like we are! Uh oh! There goes my doorbell. Must be my dock/boat guys (see: *We get by with a little help from our friends* on page 14). *Gotta' go!*

With my boat and dock in the water here in Bloomfield, who needs South Florida anyway???

Feel free to check out our POA website at ILFPOA.com for complete lake water quality reports, etc. Also, if you haven't already, please provide your email address where indicated on the dues invoice receipt. Please pay your annual dues (unchanged for 25 years!) promptly. *Thank You!*

Have a safe and enjoyable summer season on our lakes!

Annual Meeting!



THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND AT 7 PM

AT THE MAIN BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP AUDITORIUM
(FIRST / MAIN FLOOR)

Guest speakers include: Representatives from Bloomfield Twp
and LakePro, our lake water quality analysts.

Hope to see you there!



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 (when available).
- 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 Effie Steele also serve as Lake Board SAD reps for each of our lakes (see **LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARDS** on page 4).

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!

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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 Thursday, June 22nd 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 2023 ***unchanged for twenty-five (25) 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.

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/algaecides) 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)

Angela Powell, Oakland County Commissioner (powellan@oakgov.com) for LL & FL

Marcia Gershenson, Oakland County Commissioner (gershensonm@oakgov.com) for IL

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 Vlastic	1211 Club Dr.	760-0174
Forest	Effie Steele	1387 Club Dr.	425-5252

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 on the following page.

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.
- Unusual algae blooms



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 ensure 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.



WEED HARVESTING

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 un-harvested 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 from mid-May through 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)

	<u>Island Lake</u>	<u>Lower Long Lake</u>	<u>Forest Lake</u>
1st Harvest	May 29 - June 3	June 5 - 9	June 1 - 6
2nd Harvest	July 17 - 21	July 17 - 24	July 10 -15
3rd Harvest	Aug 22 - 27	Aug 28 - Sept 4	Aug 21 - 26
Harvester	Ty at Oakland Harvesters	Ty at Oakland Harvesters	Mike Mogle
Contact phone #	(248) 886-4465 or (248) 767-7822	(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.**

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.



Phragmites

The invasive *Phragmites Australis* is forcing out the native type of phragmites as well as many other native plants in Michigan. The invasive variety are becoming widespread and threatening the health of Michigan's wetlands and shorelines. They grow in dense stands as high as 25 feet tall and can deteriorate shorelines, block access for swimming and fishing and create a fire hazard. The rate at which phragmites spread means early detection and control is imperative to saving an enormous and costly headache in the future.

LIFE CYCLE

We like to compare the mass of Phragmites to that of an iceberg, i.e., most of its growth is below the surface. Although they appear massive above the surface, growing densely and more than 20 feet tall, the massive system of roots and rhizomes below the surface make up more than 80% of the plant. Rhizomes (horizontal underground stems) generate roots and stalks and can grow more than 6 feet per year. These rhizomes allow it to spread rapidly each year and even a single plant can multiply into a large, dense stand.

CONTROL & MANAGEMENT

The best method of control for Phragmites is herbicide treatment followed by mechanical treatment, prescribed fire, or water level management. Depending on site conditions and the type of herbicide utilized, treatment is usually most effective when done between early August and the first hard frost. Multiple herbicide treatments may be necessary. Post-herbicide cutting may also be necessary. This should be done almost 2 weeks after the herbicide treatment or after the first hard frost.



Phragmites



Phragmites



Purple Loosestrife.

IDENTIFICATION

Distinguishing the invasive variety of phragmites from the native can be tricky.
The following table can help to identify the key differences.

FEATURES	NATIVE	INVASIVE
STEMS	SHINY, RED NEAR BASE	DULL, TALL / GREEN
LEAVES	YELLOW-GREEN SHEATHS THAT FALL AWAY	BLUE-GREEN, SHEATHS THAT REMAIN CLOSE TO STWM AND STAY IN WINTER
HEIGHT	UP TO 6 FEET TALL	UP TO 20 FEET TALL.
DENSITY	SPARSE, CO-OCCURRING WITH OTHER PLANTS. STEMA BREAK DOWN EACH SEASON.	DENSE, STEMS PERSIST FROM YEAR TO YEAR.
SEED HEADS	BROWN IN COLOR. APPEAR LESS DENSE THAN INVASIVE.	PURPLE-BROWN OR SILVER. APPEAR EARLY AND DEVELOP MORE BRANCHING. APPEAR MORE DENSE THAN NATIVE.

ALL REQUIRE REMOVAL TO AVOID DISASTEROUS INVASIVE SPREAD!

IDENTIFICATION OF INVASIVE WEED SPECIES:

In addition to phragmites our lakes are natural habitats for other invasive species as well. This will help you to identify and remediate or report to LakePro the most common of these.

Michigan's Aquatic Invasive Plant Watch List

Aquatic invasive species on the watch list have been identified as being an immediate and significant threat to Michigan's natural resources. These species either have never been confirmed in the wild in Michigan or have a limited known distribution. Early detection and timely reporting are crucial for preventing establishment and limiting impacts. For more information on these plants, visit: www.misin.msu.edu

Be on the lookout for these invasive species!

<p>Yellow Floating Heart <i>Nymphoides peltata</i></p> 	<p>Water-chestnut <i>Trapa natans</i></p> 	<p>Parrot Feather Water-milfoil <i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i></p> 	<p>Water Soldier <i>Stratiotes aloides</i></p> 	<p>Hydrilla <i>Hydrilla verticillata</i></p> 
<p>Brazilian Water-weed <i>Egeria densa</i></p> 	<p>European Frog-bit <i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i></p> 	<p>Water Lettuce <i>Pistia stratiotes</i></p> 	<p>Water Hyacinth <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i></p> 	<p>European Water-clover <i>Marsilea quadrifolia</i></p> 

These species are currently allowable for sale and possession. Please contact the DNR if these plants are observed outside of cultivation.

If you have seen any of these aquatic invaders, note their location and contact:



Michigan DNR Wildlife Division
Phone: (517) 284-4731
www.mi.gov/invasivespecies



Questions about other aquatic invasive plants? Contact the DEQ Aquatic Nuisance Control Program at 517-284-5593, www.mi.gov/anc

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For more information visit:

<https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/id-report/plants/aquatic>

Avoiding transferring invasives from boats, kayaks, and other water recreation devices!

<https://stopaquaticitchhikers.org/>

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.



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 2022. In addition, the POA Board and general membership have agreed to publish the names and addresses of chronic non-payers. There are currently 16 open liens valued at \$16,200. 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, e-coli and chlorophyll-A. For a complete view of 2019-2022 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 Thursday, June 22nd** 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.



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, Bloomfield Township Public Works director, Cory Almas can be reached at (248) 433-7700 ext. 2807. (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 Mr. Almas directly 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.mlswa.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 had a busy year! We currently have an Interim Sr. Pastor, Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, leading us as we begin the search for a new Sr. Pastor, as well as an Interim Music Director, Marilyn Biery. There is an abundance of enthusiasm and fresh ideas to go with the new faces and we would love to have you join us for worship, Bible Study, or a social event!

Our very popular Garden Service (bring your lawn chair!) takes place at 9:00 am from Father's Day to Labor Day, and a traditional Sanctuary service occurs at 11:00 am on Sundays. A great way to meet people is to join us at coffee hour on our front patio from 9:45-11:00 am. We love guests and invite you to stop by anytime!

We have a fabulous Car Show and BBQ on June 11 from 10am-2pm. This event gets bigger and better every year and we hope you swing by to check it out!

Our much-anticipated Carillon Series begins on June 25, continues July 2, 16, 23, 30, August 6, and concludes on September 3. Concerts will take place at 9:45 am and noon and last approximately 30 minutes. Everyone is welcome!

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 your Facebook page. Past messages are available as well!



2023 SCOPE OF LAKE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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

2022 Lower Long Lake, Forest Lake & Island Lake Water Testing

The goals of this testing protocol were to monitor various water quality parameters of the lake, compare results to historical data, and identify any potential risks to the health of Lower Long Lake. Water samples were taken at four different locations and tested for 14 parameters. Tests were conducted once in the spring and once in the late summer. Tests were conducted with a YSI ProDSS Multiparameter Water Quality Meter or LaMotte SMART2 Colorimeter.

Test results were compared to historical data from the report “2021 Lower Long Lake Water Quality Review” by LakePro, Inc.

In this report, we included historical data from Water Quality Investigators. Their report provided annual averages for many of the parameters from 2002 to 2009. Including this data allows us to see more accurate trends in the water quality data. In order to make the analysis easier, we added annual averages for our data and trendlines on the graphs. The trend lines allow us to see the direction each water quality parameter is moving.

Lower Long Lake

The results of 2022 testing indicate that the water of Lower Long Lake remained outstanding throughout the summer. The results show that the aquatic environment was very suitable to support natural wildlife. Also, the lake was safe for recreational uses, such as swimming, boating, fishing, etc., as there are no signs of pollution.

Forest Lake

Forest Lake’s water quality was very good throughout 2022. The season-average for most parameters were within the target ranges. Total phosphorus was at the top end of the target range and chloride continues to be high, presumably due to winter road salt run-off from Telegraph Rd. We will discuss remediation options at the POA Annual Meeting on June 22nd, 2023 7PM at the Bloomfield Twp. Main Auditorium.

Island Lake

Island Lake’s water quality was excellent again this summer. All season averages were within the target ranges.

Phosphate is the form of phosphorus that is most usable by plants and algae. The trend was upward, but the phosphate concentrations remained within the target range.

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. Administration 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.



MICHIGAN LAKES AND STREAMS ASSOCIATION (MLSA)

For over 70 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.mlswa.org

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**) 226 goose eggs! **Goose round-up** is also managed by **Goose-Busters** and occurs in mid/late June except it is unavailable again this year because of an avian flu epidemic in geese and other wild fowl.

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

LAKE SAFETY

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.



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_musselFAQszebra_mussel_faqs.html



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 allow pet waste or household chemicals, cleaners, etc. into the storm drains.

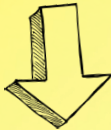


WE GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS!

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! I recommend my new dock / boat service, PD (see card). Jason 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 future!

Our neighbor and my family's dentist for almost 20 years!

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KIRKWAY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Is to occur this summer / fall and should take **at least** three (3) months or more. A representative from Bloomfield Township will attend our upcoming annual POA meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023.



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.



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.





Don't forget!

OUR **POA ANNUAL MEETING** IS
THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND at 7 pm

at the Bloomfield Township Main Auditorium

Guest speakers include: Representatives from Bloomfield Twp
and LakePro, our lake water quality analysts.

See you there!

