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Lake Sherwood Association General Membership Meeting

October 7th 2026 (Wednesday) ▪ 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Oak Valley Middle School in the Oak Valley Center (*formerly known as LGI Room*)

See you there !

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Presidents Report

Tom Hochthanner



Hello Lake Sherwood Neighbors

Welcome to the Summer issue of the View. What a great Team we have putting together these publications. Thank You. I'd like to talk about Our past Spring weather, upcoming events, membership issues and how lucky we are.

Spring

I don't believe we had a Spring! We're going almost directly into Summer. A few warm days early on then back to cold. A few forecasters are predicting a El Nino coming our way which could affect our Lake in the way of dry weather and low water. We will be monitoring the level very closely as always, watching mother nature, trying to keep our levels as close to normal as possible.

This Spring a Team of volunteers again were out collecting Goose eggs. 52 eggs were officially reported to the DNR, as was collected under the DNR permit. This is 52 less Geese we will be chasing off our lawns, islands and fecal matter contaminating our lake. There again this year, there will be NO Goose round-up permitted by the DNR.

Also, a warm welcome to all our new Lake Sherwood members. I know you'll enjoy the neighborhood and all it has to offer. If you're a boater please read up on the safety guidelines for the lake usage, published on the LSA Website and in the View.

Social

Thanks to our new social volunteers **Katie Katzman** and **Andrea Von Behren** our lake activities will be greater than ever. How about those Yoga classes on the island! A new location for our famous Music-on-the Lake, (Ravinewood Bay) the Poker Run, Fireworks and more.

I would also like to thank our Survey Team for

yet again asking for our members views on many LSA issues. The results will be posted in this issue of the View.

Membership issues

I want to thank everyone that attended the General Membership meeting May 13. Thanks also to the Committees for reporting out and Chairing their respective committees. Without these volunteers where would LSA Be? Discussions on Water Quality, use of the new Code of Conduct, the 2024 Financial Review and the 2025 Audit took place. The meeting minutes will be published in the View for information. What a Water Quality Committee we have, led by **Mike Loney**. I can't say enough about what a difference they have made in one of our greatest assets, our Lake. Their report is also noted in the minutes.

It was requested by some members to receive copies of the 2024 Financial Review, which was sent to them, identifying the fact it is for Lake Sherwood residents only, not to be shared on social media outside LSA. Future Board meetings will be discussing the 2025 Audit as to how the By-Laws will be reflected in it.

Well, the harassers are at it again. This will be the third time I have had incidents. The latest was a publishing of my complete personal information without my permission, to a real estate Broker who then sent it out to at least 8 different real estate agents and companies stating (falsely) my house and property are up for sale and I need help drawing up contracts, listings and marketing. Including one company who sent flowers to my home ready to meet with contracts drawn up ready to sign. I have contacted the Oakland County Sheriff who will be having a detective follow up. With that said be assured your Officers and Board Members will do whatever is

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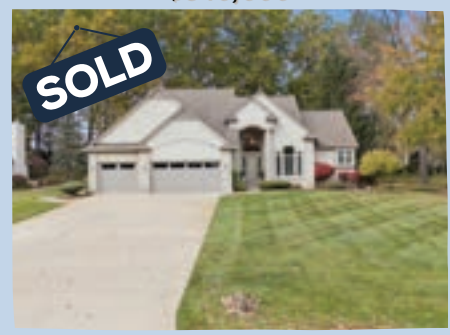
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How lucky we are to reside in a community like Lake Sherwood. Sure, we have our differences and residents can talk freely about them. Our community was founded on friendship, neighborly respect and dialog. let's continue that legacy.

The Summer months are finally here, get out and enjoy our beautiful "Paradise" here in LSA.

Tom Hochthanner

A-LOT COMMITTEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Space for large boats is EXTREMELY LIMITED. Before you purchase any large boat (this includes pontoons), you MUST contact the A-lot Committee. If you already have an assigned A-lot slip, you must still contact the A-lot Committee before buying a larger boat to check compatibility with the assigned slip.

LIFTS: the LSA BYLAWS state in Section 10.06 f: "Lifts May be placed in slips only with the prior approval of the A-lot Dock Committee. The wider lifts are not always suitable for every location.

DOCKS: Section 10.06 a of the LSA BYLAWS states "All docks must be approved by the Committee." The required width is 3'. Length of 20' or 30' is dictated by water depth, boat length and a-lot shape. All docks MUST be approved by the A-lot Committee. This also affects the size of boat the slip will handle. .

SAFETY: all slip users are required to maintain their own dock. Any loose or broken boards must be replaced immediately. If you don't take care of this, the committee will and charge you back for repairs

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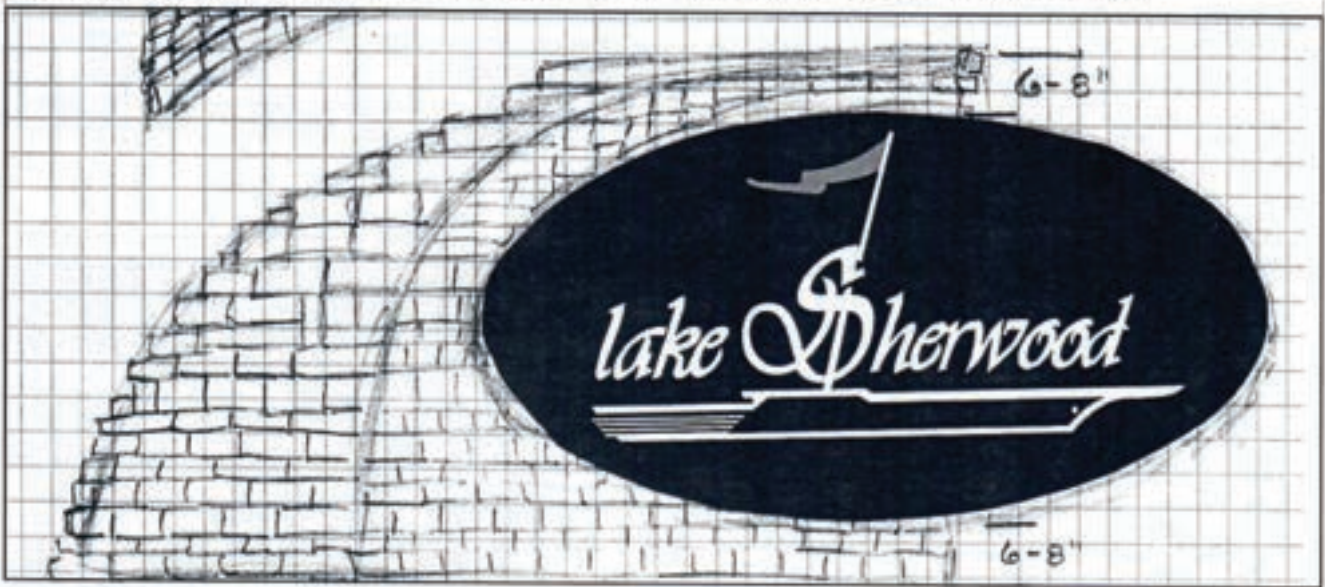
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History of the Lake Sherwood Entrance Signs

Last month, our president, Tom Hochthanner, was contacted by local historian Michelle Holmes, who is writing a series of books titled *Curious About Commerce*. Michelle is including an article about Lake Sherwood receiving a 2012 Commerce Township "Beautification – Renovation Award" for the community entrance signs. In total at the recognition ceremony, Lake Sherwood received seven awards from Commerce Township, Oakland County government offices, the State of Michigan, and various state officials.

For historical background, the original Lake Sherwood entrance signs were constructed of wood. By 2008, after years of repeated staining and repainting, the signs had significantly deteriorated and needed to be replaced. A group of volunteers – Harry and Linda Tucker, Sandy Weber, Tom Hughes, Greg Woelfel, and Kathy Sawicki – came together to brainstorm and design a new non-wood entrance sign. In September 2009, an entrance sign concept was published in the View. Tom Hughes created the initial sketch for the design.



Over the winter months, the group designed four stone sign bases for the new Lake Sherwood oval logo. The following is an excerpt from the 2010 Spring View.

Our largest endeavor is the Sign Project. The committee has worked long and hard to come up with some wonderful designs that we are now ready to share with all of you. Last Fall we shared the sign shape choices with everyone. A choice was made to go with the oval. The designs we will share at the April meeting are for the stone base that will hold the oval sign. **Please attend the Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 21, at Oak Valley Middle School, to view the designs in life size format.** We will have discussion about the construction and payment choices regarding the new signs. A lot of effort has gone into this process and I am confident that we have come up with some exciting ideas. **We will be voting on the choices at the meeting. So, if you want to have a say in the new sign choice you must attend the meeting.** We will continue to proceed with the project after the vote at the meeting. **The design choice will not be up for discussion again.** I know this seems harsh, but we have been working on this for over two years. The main reason it was pursued in the first place was because it was a high priority item on the homeowner surveys. So, please come out and voice your opinion **NOW! It is your chance and right as a homeowner to have a say in these matters, but you must come to the meeting. Please view the signs in this issue of the View, but come to the meeting to see the life size version and to Vote.**

At the next General Membership Meeting held in the Spring of 2010, the members had four life size designs to choose from the *Surge*, *Wave*, *Surf*, and *Tide*.



Concept #1 "Surge"



Concept #2 "Wave"



Concept #3 "Surf"



Concept #4 "Tide"

- Design by Kim Ascherl and colored sketches by Greg Woelfel

The members voted for concept #2, the *Wave*. This is the sign you see today gracing our entrances.

On May 15, 2012, Lake Sherwood received the Commerce Township Beautification–Renovation Award at the township's Annual Community Awards presentation. Pictured left to right are the Lake Sherwood honorees — Sandy Weber, Harry Tucker, Linda Tucker, Kathy Sawicki, Tom Hughes, and Greg Woelfel — holding the seven awards presented to the community.



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Lake Sherwood Boat Ramp



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September	8:00AM – 7:00PM
October	8:00AM – 6:30PM

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Reminders

Allow two weeks for your dues payment and annual A-Lot form (if applicable to be processed until your access card is activated.

Reach out to any member of the boat ramp committee to register any new watercraft to ensure your card is activated and you aren't flagged for a violation by launching an unregistered boat.

Never use your access card for your friends or neighbors as you aren't able to be sure if their dues have been paid or if they are a member in good standing.

Always make sure the gate closes completely after each use. The quickest way to do this is to use the Close Gate button, located on the south side (right) of the ramp on the LSA sign post.

New users must fill out, sign and return the User Agreement and provide proof of ownership of their watercraft. The User Agreement can be found on the Lake Sherwood website.

If you have any questions, or have problems while using the gate, please contact a committee member listed above.



Social Happenings

Katie Katzman & Andrea VonBehren



UPCOMING EVENTS:

10th ANNUAL POKER RUN – Sold Out Again!

We're excited to share that the 10th Annual Boat Poker Run is officially **sold out** - again! All 30 boat spots filled within just one week of opening registration. Incredible turnout!

A big thank you to **Andrea von Behren (Surfwood Dr.)** for continuing to host this favorite community event year after year.

Even if you couldn't secure a spot on a boat, you're still welcome to join in the fun! Stop by **Higgins Island after the run** to see who ends up with the winning poker hand.

Want to join the waitlist?

Andrea is keeping a waiting list in case any boats drop out. If you'd like to be added, please call or text her at **248-863-8930**.

Looking forward to another fantastic event!

NIGHT OF LIGHTS BOAT PARADE

Another great tradition continues this Independence weekend! Join us on **Friday, July 3rd** for the annual **Night of Lights Boat Parade**, where 50+ (and often many more!) beautifully lit boats cruise the lake for all neighbors to enjoy.

Start Time: 9:30 PM

Starting Point: East bay off Winewood Ln., between Tamwood Ct. and Windwood Ct.

Be sure to arrive early and bring your boat into the canal ahead of time to secure your spot in line. **There is no limit to the number of boats**—the more, the better! In past years, we've counted **over 60 boats**... let's see if we can beat that record this year!

The parade is approximately a **2.5-hour cruise**, winding through the canals and out onto the main lake - creating a beautiful nighttime display for everyone watching from shore.

BOAT PARADE ROUTE



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ANNUAL FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Join us on **Saturday, July 4th** for our annual **spectacular fireworks show**, launching from **Higgins Island** at approximately **10:00 PM**.

Gather your family and friends, hop on your boat, and head out to the **main lake** to drop anchor and enjoy an incredible night of fireworks lighting up the sky!

Important Reminders:

- **✗ No one is allowed on Higgins Island at any time on Saturday**, as the Fireworks crew will be setting up throughout the day.
- **All boats must remain at least 1,000 feet away from the island** for the show to begin.
- The **Oakland County Marine Sheriff** will be on patrol to ensure everyone's safety and enforce the viewing boundaries.

⚠ Please respect these guidelines - failure to do so **will delay the start of the show**.

Let's work together to keep everyone safe and enjoy an unforgettable evening on the lake!

A big thank you to **Steve Biebel** for stepping in to coordinate with the city and the fireworks crew. Steve took over these responsibilities after the Hughes family moved.

We appreciate all the time and effort that goes into making this event possible for our community!

MUSIC AT THE POINT

Sunday, July 5th

Over the years, music on the lake has become a favorite summer tradition for so many of us. We are incredibly grateful to the family who generously hosted it and created something everyone looks forward to each summer.

We understand that many will be disappointed that the event is not taking place near the island this year. We felt the same way - but we also didn't want to see this great event disappear altogether.

We're excited to continue it with a **new location and a new name—Music at the Point!**

The goal is to keep everything people have loved: a lake full of boats, great music, and a fun summer afternoon together.

We also truly appreciate the offers from others who have offered to host on the main lake - it speaks volumes about how much this event means to our community. At this time, plans are already set for this year, and we're looking forward to making it a great experience for everyone at the new location.

- **New Location:** Ravinewood Bay
A great spot for everyone to gather, anchor, and enjoy the music together.
- **Horn Kickoff: 2:55 PM** — get your boat horns ready!
- **Live Music:** *The Love Junkies* starting at **3:00 PM**

We hope everyone will embrace the new location and join us in keeping this amazing summer tradition alive.

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23rd ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

The annual fishing tournament is back, and it's hard to believe this beloved event has been reeling in participants for over two decades! Whether rain or shine, you can count on dedicated anglers heading out early for a fun and competitive morning on the water.

- **Date:** Sunday, August 23rd
- **Location:** Fishing takes place across the lake, with wrap-up on Higgins Island

Registration:

There is **NO pre-registration**. All participants must register **in person on Higgins Island at 6:30/7:00 AM** to receive a tally sheet for tracking catches.

- **Tournament Time:** 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Divisions:

- Two-person team competition
- Children's contest (under age 12)

Categories:

Includes multi-species, bass, small fish, and more. (See the full ad in *The View* for complete rules and details.)

Prizes:

Trophies and great prizes will be awarded, making it a fun and competitive morning for all ages!

Mark your calendars—we hope to see you out on the lake!

Questions?

Contact **Beth Conner** at 248-763-1241 or **Dan Devine** at 248-255-7207.

ISLAND YOGA – NEW EVENT

We're excited to introduce a new summer event – **Island Yoga on Higgins Island, FREE for all residents**. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of yoga in a beautiful lakeside setting that is truly designed for **EVERY BODY**. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned yogi, this fun and welcoming class is the perfect way to unwind, connect with neighbors, and enjoy the island vibes.

- **Date:** Saturday, August 2nd
- **Location:** Higgins Island
- Arrive by boat around 12:15pm
- Yoga Class from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
- Bring your own mat or towel

Hosted by Body Language Fitness & Yoga Studio, this is one summer event you won't want to miss. Grab your friends/family, hop on the boat, and come stretch with us on the island.

BOAT BASH 2026!

There's no official date set yet, so keep an eye on your *Martha Mail* or the LSA Facebook page for updates as plans are finalized.

Let's be honest, half the fun is just knowing another lake day is coming... and we're all looking for our next reason to load up the coolers, gather the crew, and have another great boat bash.

Stay tuned... it'll be here before you know it!





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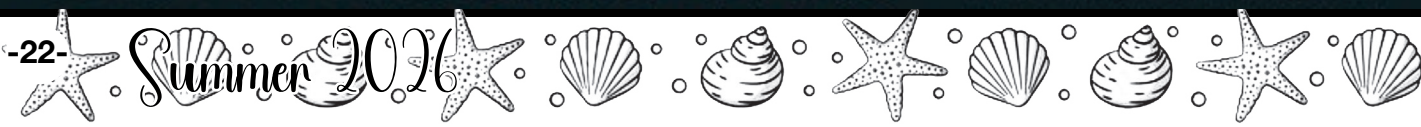
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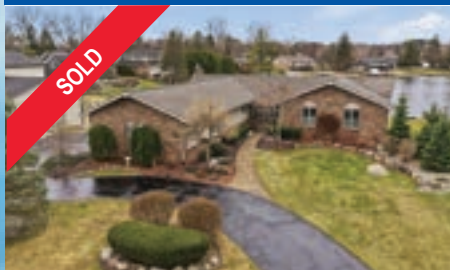


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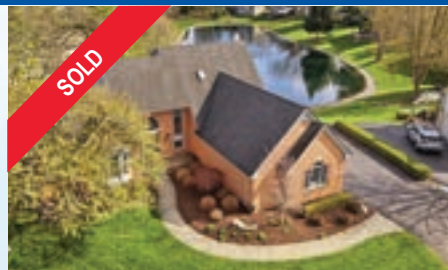
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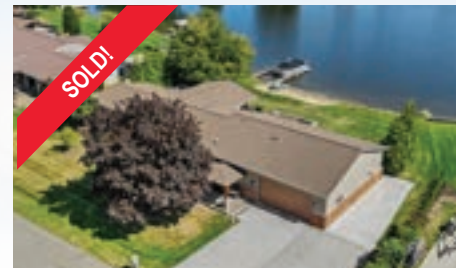
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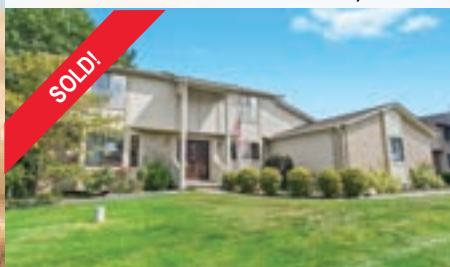
5067 OAKWOOD CT.
3 BR/2.5 BA/2460 sq ft
Fin Walkout/ 3 car garage
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MLS 20261003441/Commerce/\$875,000



343 RIVERWOOD TR.
3BR/3.1 BA, Cape Cod
2420 Sq Ft + 1493 Sq Ft Fin W/O, 2 Car Garage,
Gorgeous Riverfront Condo!
MLS # 20250037905 / Milford / \$750,000



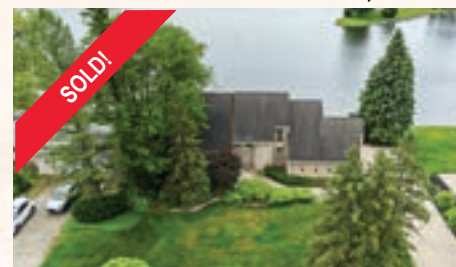
4806 SURFWOOD DR.
4 BR/3BA, Updated Ranch
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20251035823/Commerce/\$459,900



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1729 Sq Ft + 1608 Sq Ft Fin W/O, 2 Car Garage,
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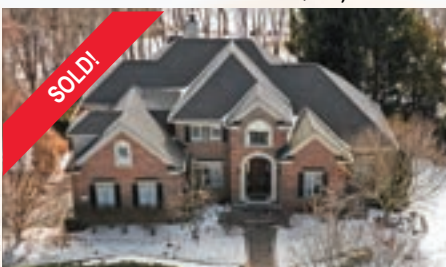
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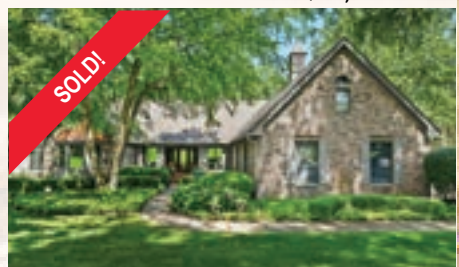
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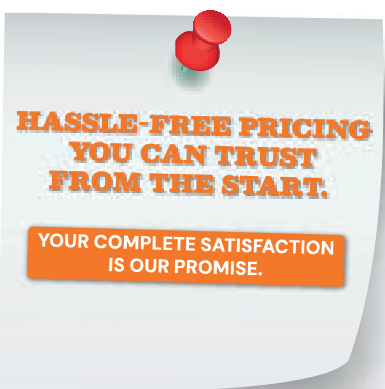


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- Smallest Fish

RULES:

- 2 PERSON TEAMS—At registration we will need your name & resident's address and phone number.
- Each Team must have an LSA member present (An Adult must be present on the boat).
- A tally sheet will be provided to you at registration with your registration packet.
- Tournament fishing begins at 7:00 AM. Turn in at 11:00 AM on Higgins Island.
- No trolling will be allowed. Live bait is permitted.
- All Michigan fishing regulations apply. Please be courteous to the other anglers.
- HONOR BASED Fishing Tournament—Please measure your fish with a ruler rounding down to the nearest inch and release.

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Treasurer's Report

Paul MacDonald



2026 Approved Budget, 2026 YTD and 2025 Results

	APPROVED 2026 Budget	2026 Year-to-Date Results	Positive (Negative) Variance	2025 Results
Revenues:				
Current Year Dues	\$310,750	\$309,242	(\$1,508)	\$312,121
Prior Year Dues	900	1,906	1,006	3,247
Advertising for VIEW	12,000	4,154	(7,846)	11,360
Interest Income	18,225	5,392	(12,833)	18,759
Total Revenues	\$341,875	\$320,695	(\$21,180)	\$345,487
Expenses:				
Lakes Committee - Weed Control	\$71,700	\$1,600	\$70,100	55,415
Wildwood Sediment Removal Project	15,000	0	\$15,000	86,512
Water Quality Committee Initiatives	75,650	34,000	\$41,650	35,654
Lake Quality Consultant	25,500	0	\$25,500	23,800
Watershed - all other related expenses	12,242	1,547	\$10,695	15,359
Ongoing Grounds Maintenance	60,740	5,522	\$55,218	37,206
Beautification Committee	3,855	497	\$3,358	8,332
Newsletter/Communication Costs	17,879	1,450	\$16,429	18,719
Fireworks	32,100	15,000	\$17,100	26,700
Social	4,520	51	\$4,469	2,984
Insurance & Legal	19,371	2,916	\$16,455	14,909
Island Committee (including docks)	4,400	1,700	\$2,700	19,819
Utilities, pontoon, billing, storage, etc	8,800	3,096	\$5,704	6,254
Total Expenses	\$351,757	\$67,378	\$284,379	\$351,662
Net Income (Loss)	(\$9,882)	\$253,316	\$263,198	(\$6,175)

Additional Information

Operating Cash + Investment / Savings	\$ 757,928
Restricted Cash (Slip fees on Deposit)	\$ 13,429
Total cash at 05/11/2026	\$ 771,357

Reserves: (this is for items already expensed in prior periods but cash not spent yet):

-Sediment removal project (removal of silt that was pumped out and remaining project cleanup)	(41,000)
-Other accruals for projects in progress (boat ramp, Surfwood Isthmus, repairs, etc)	(23,423)
Total accruals (will reduce Operating Cash eventually)	\$ (64,423)

** 2026 Approved Budget Notes (approved at the Annual Membership Meeting on October 1, 2025):

The 2025 budget reflects annual Dues of \$500 / member and also reflects a slight loss of (\$9,882). Historically though, we have been able to contain costs and come in under budget. As in prior years, the largest expenditure will be in the Water Quality area. The committee is working hard to try to assure our lake is in great shape for all to use, now and in the future.

*** 2026 Activity

- We've collected 96% of the membership dues as of 5/18/26, exactly the same as 2025. Late fees have been applied
- Primary expenditures so far are \$34k for BioChar bags (50%) and \$15k for deposit on fireworks.

CLARIFICATION OF LATE FEES RELATING TO ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT

For all Annual Dues payments that are unpaid after a 30 day grace period, there will be a \$50 late fee assessed for that year. Further, this late fee will be applied every year that an Annual Dues payment remains unpaid. In other words, if dues are unpaid for 2 years, as of March 15th of the second year, \$100 in late fees will be added to the unpaid balance of that particular property owner's account on top of the \$50 previously assessed in year 1. This process will continue until all dues and late fees, are paid in full.

Example:	2026 Dues (unpaid)	\$500
	2026 Late Fee Incurred in 2026	\$50
	2025 Dues (unpaid)	\$500
	Late Fee on 2025 dues Incurred in 2025	\$50
	Late Fee on 2025 dues Incurred in 2026	\$50
	Total Balance at 3/16/2026 =	\$1,150

Paul MacDonald - LSA Treasurer

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to write me at: Treasurer@lake-sherwood.org

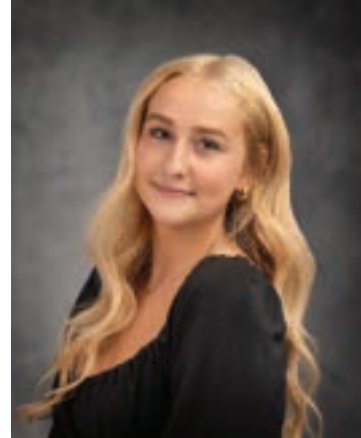


2026 SENIORS



Alex Hotra - Graduating Summa Cum Laude from Lakeland High School. Alex was part of NHS. Congratulations Alex! We are proud of the man you are becoming and know you will do great things in your future! Good Luck on your next chapter at SVSU!

Congratulations to **Ari Brueckner** graduating Summa Cum Laude from Lakeland High School where she was involved in the Career Internship program, Psychology club and Varsity volleyball. She is graduating as an AP scholar with Honor. Ari excelled at club volleyball at the national level for many years. She grew up in the Lake Sherwood community enjoying all the lake and neighborhood has to offer. Ari will attend Western Michigan University this fall and pursue a PHD in Psychology. Go Broncos!



Congratulations to **Leah Huntoon** on graduating Summa Cum Laude from Lakeland High School. Her dedication to academic excellence has been matched by an impressive commitment to athletics. This fall, she will continue both pursuits at Wayne State University, where she plans to study pharmaceutical sciences while competing as a diver on the swim and dive team. We are so proud of her! Go Warriors!

Alexis Rae Hankinson is graduating from Novi Christian Academy with distinguished honors. She has been an active member of NHS and served as Secretary her Junior year and co-president her Senior year. Lexi has enjoyed playing Varsity softball for 5 years and participating in Varsity Cheer for 3 years. She was also honored to be selected for Homecoming Court this year.

Lexi has received scholarship funds for academic achievement to attend Eastern Michigan University's Honors College, where she plans to study Psychology and English. We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments Lexi! Your heart, spirit and creativity are very admirable! We are so excited for you to start your college education and campus life!



Love, Mom, Dad & Lily



2026 SENIORS

Evan Finley is graduating from the International Academy West. IA provides a unique blend of rigorous academic standards and practical, career related learning throughout the school year. It features the world-renowned International Baccalaureate (IB) as the centerpiece of the curriculum. An International Baccalaureate Diploma is recognized internationally and is the highest form of a diploma for high school students. IA-West can potentially offer students a year of college credit before they begin their college career.

Evan will attend the University of Michigan LSA Honors College in the Fall, pursuing an undergraduate degree in Neuroscience.

Parking and Storing Trailers, RV's & Commercial Vehicles in Lake Sherwood



A Friendly Reminder!



Please be a good neighbor and make sure your trailers and vehicles are stored in accordance with the rules outlined below.

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Rules and Regulations Committee
Lake Sherwood Association

Boat and Snowmobile Trailers

Our Bylaws and Deed Restrictions permit **boat and snowmobile trailers only** to be stored outside of a garage on a member's property in compliance with current township rules and regulations. The township rules are:

1. A boat may be stored on a trailer in your driveway from May 1 to October 31.
2. From November 1 to April 30, boats on trailers should be stored the same as boat trailers without boats (see #3).
3. If your boat is not on the trailer, the trailer should be stored in your side yard or back yard. If you are a lake or waterfront property, the boat trailer must be stored in your side yard. (If you have a corner lot, the location of your side/back yard can be tricky. Check with the township building department for correct trailer placement on a specific corner lot.)
4. Snowmobile trailers should be stored the same as boat trailers without boats (see #3), and only from November 1 to April 30.

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LSA's Bylaws prohibit outdoor storage of RV's, campers, travel trailers and all other types of trailers. **These must be stored/housed within a garage or at an offsite storage facility.**

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Noncompliance with any of the above rules may result in a \$200 fine from Commerce Township and/or LSA fines and loss of LSA Member-In-Good-Standing privileges (e.g, loss of boat ramp access and voting rights).





REMINDER !!

Fireworks Setback – Mandatory Requirement

The July 4th, 2026 Lake Sherwood Fireworks have a mandatory marine setback of 1000 feet from the island. There will be no boats allowed in the water at the north end of the main lake surrounding Higgins Island. If you are coming from north of Commerce Road, be sure to leave early to arrive at the south end of the lake in time for the fireworks to start. Fireworks will be delayed if there are boats in the water within the mandatory marine setback boundaries.

REMINDER!!

Saturday July 4th Firework Event Parking Restriction



Please help make our Fourth of July Fireworks event as safe as possible. In past years, Driftwood and Surfwood were impassable for emergency vehicles due to cars parked on both sides of the street. EMTs, police and firefighters are not able to get their trucks and large equipment in these areas.

Residents are asked to please encourage guests to park in your driveway or to **ONLY** park on the **lake** sides of Surfwood and Driftwood. If you have a large number of guests, please consider shuttling them from offsite parking locations. Suggested offsite parking is at Country Oaks Elementary School or Oak Valley Middle School.

Sandwich board signs will be posted at Driftwood and Surfwood entrances to remind people to park on the lake side of the streets.



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Complete Good Guys List on the
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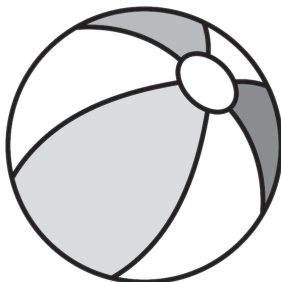
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Native Lakescapes – Clarkston
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Green Era 248-242-3285 Weed Control & Grub Control

S&D Seasonal Service 248 467-0023 Pre-emergent, Broadleaf & Grub Control Sean Dennis

Thank you for considering this option in support of the residents
requests to improve the water quality of our lake.



Reminder: Outside Storage of Trash Bins



Lake Sherwood's Deed Restrictions do NOT allow outside storage of trash containers unless they are enclosed AND hidden from view (not applicable to Area 11 properties). The green and blue wheeled curb carts provided by Commerce Township for weekly trash pickup by Priority Waste Management are not an exception to this rule! Please store your green and blue trash curb carts in your garage or hidden from your neighbor's view behind a privacy fence or hedge (not to exceed 4' in height) approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting

May 13, 2026

Oak Valley Middle School 6:30 PM

Attendance: 63 households represented in attendance

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Tom Hochthanner. A quorum was established with 63 households represented.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 13, 2025 General Membership Meeting minutes, as written, was made by Rob Kelel and seconded by Karen Adams. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – Tom Hochthanner stated that the evening's agenda was extensive and asked attendees to remain mindful of time throughout the meeting.

Vice President Report – Nalani Forster Absent – No Report

Recording Secretary Report – Anna Thompson
No Report

Corresponding Secretary – Thea Vagiates announced that the next publication deadline for *The View* newsletter is May 22, 2026. She noted that the upcoming issue will feature graduating students and announced that the graduate group photo would take place on May 17 at 2:00 PM at the corner of Driftwood and Commerce. Residents wishing to submit graduate articles were instructed to email Martha at communications@lake-sherwood.org. She also welcomed the new Social Committee leadership and stated that additional information would appear in the upcoming newsletter.

Treasurer Report – Paul MacDonald presented the financial report and reviewed the current budget status. He explained that relatively few expenses had occurred thus far in the fiscal year. Major expenditures included the purchase of approximately half of the annual supply of biochar bags and preparation of payment for the annual fireworks display, although the fireworks payment had not yet been released pending finalization of the contract. He also reported that approximately 96% of homeowners had paid their annual dues, with about 25 households remaining outstanding, which he stated was consistent with

prior years. Additional revenue has been received through advertising sales for *The View* and accrued account interest. He also noted that lawncare, tree cleanup, and related seasonal expenses would begin increasing shortly. A question was posed regarding the proposed Wildwood sediment retention pond project. It was stated that three design quotes had been obtained and that the project would move forward utilizing remaining dredging funds from the prior year's budget.

Operating/ Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Rules and Regs – Kathy Sawicki reviewed deed restriction reminders what are set to be published in upcoming *View* regarding trailer storage. She explained that recreational vehicles, trailers, commercial vehicles, and similar equipment may not be stored outdoors within the subdivision except for temporary loading and unloading consistent with township ordinances. She also reminded residents that garbage containers must be stored in garages or enclosed areas, so they are not visible from the street. Questions were raised regarding firewood storage, which was noted to be included under material storage restrictions and should be screened from view. Residents were encouraged to contact their area representatives or committee leadership with additional questions regarding rules and regulations enforcement.

A-lot Docks – Paul MacDonald reported that one pontoon slip remains available and that the association is exploring opportunities to create additional dock spaces. They explained that unused slips would be reviewed and that long-term inactivity could eventually result in reassignment under existing policies. Questions were raised regarding the condition of several docks, particularly those now more visible following recent vegetation clearing. Committee representatives acknowledged that some docks require repair and stated that a spring inspection tour would be scheduled. Discussion also occurred regarding a recent motion to move to board oversight of this committee.

Boat Ramp – Todd Wood reported that expenditures had remained minimal so far this year, consisting primarily of electricity costs. He noted that several replacement gate access cards had been issued and that corrosion issues affecting gate operations were being addressed through

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upgraded electrical connectors and maintenance efforts. There is an investigation into various venting options. He reminded members not to share gate access cards and in the event of an emergency contact a member of the committee. It was confirmed that the lock box will be available to the Sheriff's department.

Architectural Control – Greg Woelfel stated that little winter construction activity had taken place. He noted that one homeowner had requested approval to use alternative exterior materials in place of brick or natural stone. The committee approved the request as a demonstration exception because the proposed material maintained a similar appearance to the original requirements. It was also noted that existing deed restrictions are outdated in some areas and may eventually require revision to reflect modern building materials.

Water Quality – Mike Loney delivered an extensive Water Quality Committee presentation detailing ongoing lake management activities. He explained that the committee has been working closely with environmental consultants and Progressive AE to evaluate natural lake restoration methods rather than relying heavily on chemical treatments.

Biodiversity sampling results from the prior summer were reviewed, with findings indicating healthier ecological conditions in areas receiving fewer chemical treatments. The committee emphasized continued resident education regarding fertilizer use, septic system maintenance, and shoreline buffer zones.

Mr. Loney discussed the expansion of biochar filtration efforts and explained that biochar bags function as natural filtration systems installed beneath docks to absorb nutrients and contaminants while promoting beneficial bacterial growth. Residents were informed that additional biochar bags may be purchased privately.

The committee also reviewed plans for aquatic surveys, herbicide treatments, vegetation harvesting, and future data collection efforts. Questions were addressed regarding treatment zones, algae reduction, weed management, phragmite management and shoreline conditions.

Fireworks – Steve Biebel stated that negotiations with the fireworks vendor were ongoing due to contract and scheduling issues involving a new sales representative. He explained that the association continues to work with township officials and the fire marshal to finalize permits and required documentation.

Social – Katie Katzman thanked Jody for her years of service as social director and reviewed upcoming community events, including Yoga on the Island, Music on the Water, and the annual Boat Parade. They noted that volunteers are still needed for several events, especially a lead boat for the boat parade, and discussed recent logistical changes regarding event locations. If you are interested in being the lead boat for the parade, please contact the committee. New residents attending the meeting were encouraged to utilize *The View*, the association website, and welcome materials for additional information regarding neighborhood activities and communication.

Lawncare/Beautification – Zach Zukowsky reported that spring cleanup operations and lawn maintenance are underway throughout the subdivision. He explained that the association is evaluating alternative vendors for tree work and reviewed proposed landscaping improvements at all entrance signs involving ornamental grasses and sedum plantings. He also discussed concerns regarding aging split rail fencing, dead tree removal scheduling, and seawall conditions near the Ledgewood bridge area. Questions and discussions continued regarding entrance planting timing and costs. A question was posed regarding island seawall conditions and replacement. It was indicated that this would be taken into consideration in the financial planning of next year's budget. Considerable discussion followed regarding tree and vegetation clearing on Wavewood including shoreline erosion concerns and the need for future shoreline restoration planning.

Lake Safety – Nick Polcyn presented the annual Lake Safety Committee report and reminded residents of important boating safety requirements, including no-wake operation within canals, counterclockwise lake traffic rules, spotter requirements during towing activities, and restrictions on docking lights while underway. All but two buoys have been placed for the season, with the remainder scheduled to be installed the following weekend. The committee also reviewed marine patrol scheduling for the upcoming season, including scheduled patrol during the 4th of July celebrations and encouraged residents to report unsafe boating behavior. Additional discussion addressed nighttime jet ski operation, no-wake signage, and lighting requirements for anchored vessels. The committee would like to remind all residents that safety ride-alongs are available to anyone.



New/Old Business:

2024 Audit – Tom Hochthanner reviewed the association's 2024 audit process and explained that the board has accepted the audit committee report during a special meeting held earlier in the year. He noted that the bylaws require audits and that the association is reviewing options to pursue a more formal 2025 audit estimated to cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000.

Extensive discussion followed regarding transparency, access to audit materials, voting procedures at special meetings, and the distribution of audit information to association members. Several residents expressed concerns regarding documentation, communication, and board process procedures. Tom Hochthanner stated that the report could be made available to members upon request via email and discussed further review at future board meetings.

Code of Conduct – Tom Hochthanner introduced a Code of Conduct policy intended for board and committee members. He explained that the policy establishes expectations for conduct during meetings and association business activities.

Questions were raised regarding approval procedures, publication requirements, enforcement provisions, and meeting recording policies. The board stated that the policy had previously been approved during a prior board meeting. Committee members have been asked to sign to acknowledge they are aware of the code of conduct. A question was raised regarding whether it is available online. It was noted that it is not currently available online, but it can be made available.

Wavewood Trees – Tom Hochthanner addressed concerns regarding recent tree removals on Wavewood and Raftwood common properties. He explained that concerns had been raised by residents regarding communication, shoreline stabilization, and vegetation replacement planning following the removals.

Discussion included the possible future involvement of certified arborists, shoreline restoration plans, communication to residents ahead of time and opportunities for resident volunteers to assist with beautification efforts. Questions were posed asking who completed the work, authorized it and what will be planted in its place. Buffer zone plants were suggested for the site. It was suggested that shoreline restoration planning and associated budget considerations be prioritized for discussion at the next board meeting. Due to time constraints, additional discussion was deferred.

Snow Plow Survey – Tom Hochthanner presented information regarding a prior neighborhood snow plow survey conducted approximately 8 years earlier and asked whether residents wished to conduct a new survey regarding potential subdivision snow removal services. A show-of-hands vote indicated majority support for conducting a new survey.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jody Payne and seconded by Craig Bender. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

A Special Thank You !

Thank you to Tom & Gloria Hughes for graciously coordinating & hosting the
Lake Sherwood Fireworks for 25 years.

&

Thank you for hosting Music on the Lake for 22 years.
You have given us all very special memories!



Perennial Exchange



RAFFLE WINNERS

Foamy Bells Perennial Plant – **Melissa Kurth**

Salvia Perennial Plant – **Pam Busenhart**

Carnation Perennial Plant – **Anna Thompson**

Garden to Table Gift Box – **Julie Panaretos**

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Boater safety courses are recommended and in some cases required!

Huron Valley Recreation and Community Education offers Boater Safety Courses in the Spring and Summer. For more information call 248-676-8390 or visit their web site: www.huronvalleyrec.com to view their current brochure.

PWCs

Hours (8 AM until sunset) "Sunset" means that time determined by the national weather service. The time of sunset will be posted on our website belpoo.org beginning in May.

Those less than 14 years of age may not legally operate a PWC.

Those 14-15 years of age may operate a PWC legally only if:

- He or she obtained a boating safety certificate, and...
- All of the following conditions are satisfied:
 - The operator is accompanied solely by his or her parent / legal guardian (or a person 21 or older designated by the parents / legal guardian) or ...
 - The operator is within 100 feet from his or her parent / legal guardian (or person 21 or older designated by the parent/guardian)

Those at least 16 years of age and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.

Those born on or before December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

- Each person riding on or towed behind a PWC must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, or III Personal Floatation Device (PFD). Ages 12-under Type I or II only. No inflatable PFDs.
- You may not allow a child under 7 years of age to ride on or be towed behind a PWC unless with a parent or guardian or designee of the parent or guardian.
- The lanyard of a PWC's ignition safety switch must be attached to the person, clothing, or PFD of the operator.
- PWCs must be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner at all times. It is illegal to:
 - Jump the wake of another vessel unnecessarily close to the other vessel
 - Weave your PWC through congested traffic
 - Swerve at the last possible moment to avoid collision.
- A PWC must be operated at slow-no wake speed if crossing within 150 feet behind another vessel, unless the other vessel is also a PWC.
- It is illegal to harass wildlife or disturb aquatic vegetation with your PWC.

Boats & General Info

- Travel around the lake is always counter-clockwise.
- Motorboats must give way to non-motorized vessels such as sailboats, rowboats and kayaks. In general, larger boats are to give way to smaller boats.
- Michigan law requires all children under 6 years of age to wear a USCG-approved Type I or II PFD when riding on the open deck of any vessel.
- Michigan law states that watercraft must stay at least 100 feet from shore, docks, rafts and anchored boats unless traveling at a no-wake speed (5 mph).
- Water skiing:
 - A boat or personal watercraft pulling skiers, tubers, etc. must have a spotter—a person other than the driver—to watch those being towed.
 - It is illegal to tow persons on water skis, surfboards, or any device of this type between:
 - One hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset if towed behind a boat
 - 8a.m. and one hour before sunset if towed behind a PWC
- Maximum boating speed is 55 miles per hour.
- Watch your wake! It can capsize a small boat and cause damage along the shoreline—for which the driver and owner of the boat can be liable.
- ALCOHOL/DRUGS—It is illegal to operate a boat under the influence of intoxicating alcohol or controlled substances. The owner of a boat driven by a person under the influence can be held responsible.
- Any skier, tuber, etc. being towed behind a boat must wear a life jacket
- Make sure each passenger has access to a floatation device, plus a "throwable"
- Do not ride on the front deck of a pontoon boat, even in a no wake zone. Someone could fall off and get hit by the prop—this has happened!
- No wake means the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering and which does not create a wake. Keep it under 5 MPH and look behind you—If you are making a wake, you need to slow down.
- When turning never cut in front of another boat, let them through prior to turning.
- Turn on navigation lights at dusk. Also, if anchored turn on anchor light starting at dusk.
- NEVER NEVER turn on your docking head lights except for docking (that is what they are for). Head lights blind on coming boaters.
- Set an anchor line when stationary to avoid drifting into other boats and docks, and avoid stopping or fishing in main traffic lanes and turns on the main lake
- When approaching a busy area and unsure of other boaters, STOP!

Reference: "Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities", available at: www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/mi_handbook_entire.pdf

Lake Sherwood Island Use Permit

Contact: Brian Shefferly at (248) 770-9812

Required permit for island use between the hours of 11 pm and 8 am. This applies to weekday and weekend activities. The ability to reserve an island will allow families or other groups' sole usage of the island during the specified time. This application is good for one use only. Should a person wish to use the island again, another application must be submitted. Failure to obtain a permit will result in a \$100 fine. If this fine is unpaid within 30 days, a late fee will be applied, "member in good standing" revoked, and the user's property could have a lien placed on it.

The person signing this permit has to be a Lake Sherwood Association resident (18 years or older) and is required to give a \$50 deposit. A permit is issued and applicant must possess a valid driver's license and Island Use permit at all times on the island.

No loud or disturbing late (early morning) noise, no destruction of Lake Sherwood property, no littering, no underage drinking or other illegal activities, and contained campfires only (large enough to burn only logs and twigs). No sleeping on picnic tables or without camping equipment. An adult Lake Sherwood resident must be present on the island during the requested hours on the application. The applicant must bring their own receptacle to haul trash off the island and extinguish campfires completely before leaving the island.

There are three islands on the main lake that offer dockage, picnic and camping area. South (Remo U-turn Island), Mid (Skier's Island), North (Higgins Island). The \$50 deposit will be refunded as long as the above requirements have been met.

I _____, have agreed to the above requirements while using (check one)

Remo's U-Turn Island _____ Skier's Island _____ Higgins Island _____

As the permit holder, I agree to be solely responsible for the island indicated above on (insert date) _____ during the hours of (insert times) _____, and for:
(1) the safety and actions of myself and any other persons on the island during that time; and
(2) maintaining the island in good condition; and (3) returning it to LSA in its original condition at the end of my permitted use period.

Applicant Information: Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Driver's License _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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2026 Annual Membership Survey Results

This year's survey received responses from over 200 households. The survey provides insight to the board and committee members about emerging issues, upcoming potential projects, and satisfaction level with recent projects. The survey is not a replacement for the formal approval process.

Several questions related to dimensions of water quality management that are within homeowner control:

- Buffer Zones – Half of the respondents (94) want more information about buffer zones.
- Lawn Fertilizer – About 70% of respondents (135) have ceased using lawn fertilizer.
- Lake Treatment – 100 respondents expressed an interest in co-op paying for an extra Bio Char bag.
- Septic System Maintenance – Most residents (63 of 80) who have a septic system have their holding tank pumped every 2-3 years. The few (10) who pump-out longer than every three years state they are following the maintenance regimen from their septic service. Several people shared low risk behaviors (limit laundry loads; low occupancy).

Two infrastructure questions involved the road cracks and the multi-purpose court in Kendall Park:

- Road Crack Filling for Roads South of Commerce Road – 80 Respondents support a special one-time \$150 dues assessment for crack filling. 63 Respondents do not support. Verbatim comments indicate continued frustration over RCOC not taking responsibility. Several respondents who live north of Commerce Rd are unhappy with their road conditions (note: those roads have issues that cannot be solved by crack filling; homes north of Commerce Rd would not be assessed \$150).
- Kendall Park Multi-Purpose Court – Residents were asked about their preference for changes to the court... to add a 2nd pickleball court in lieu of keeping tennis capability or to keep tennis capability. 101 Respondents support 2 pickleball courts with no tennis court. 43 Respondents prefer to retain tennis capability. 14 Want more info (e.g., statistics about present use).

The last question was developed as a response to the scores of unsolicited verbatim comments that were received in the 2023-2025 surveys about wake surfing. As the #1 purpose of LSA (Section 2.01.a of the bylaws) is "to actively promote the education of riparian property owners and other lake users about water quality and water safety", the survey team asked for your interest in attending a potential forum of outside experts in the fields of water sports, water safety, and water quality. 105 Respondents are interested in attending such a forum. 81 Respondents are not interested. The "no" votes are a mix of people who adamantly support wake surfing, adamantly oppose it, or just don't care.

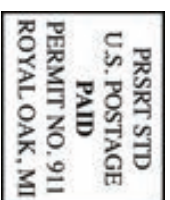
Author's Note – After more than 20 years of conducting the annual survey, this is my last. In past years, my prep for the survey involved reaching out to board, committee, and assorted neighbors to develop and test the questionnaire before publishing it. For their input and fresh eyes, I'd like to specifically thank Craig Bender, Mark Churay, Kathryn Finlay, Nalani Forster, Mike Loney, Paul MacDonald, Dennis Moore, Julie Race, and Phil Ruffin. And I hope everyone joins me in a special thanks to Steve Biebel. For the last handful of years while Sharon and I snow-birded, Steve carried the heavy load of collecting your submissions. He also helped me insure the confidentiality of your submissions and assure the balance in the take-aways of your verbatim comments.

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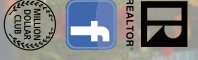
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