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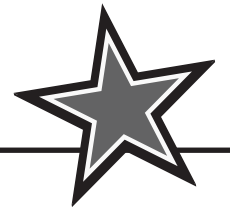
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# Presidents Report

Steve Biebel



Fall is a season of change and boy have we had some changes this year in our sub. Many projects have been carried out or completed as I write this correspondence.

I would like to start with the Skier's Island seawall project which is basically complete. The wall is in, a new deflector is installed and being examined on the SE corner of the Island, the plantings are in and a large willow tree has been removed that was in danger of falling into the lake. This project was initiated over three years ago and thanks to the diligence and guidance of **Tom Hochthanner** (who was President when the project began) **Andy Sarkisian**, **Greg Woelfel**, **The Tucker's**, **Dan Devine**, **Gary Koch** and others who contributed this project has finally been concluded. This "Island Committee" has proposed a comprehensive five-year plan (Thank You **Andy S.!**) to continue to examine all the Islands and commence continual evaluation and efforts to make our Islands as robust, pleasant and usable assets they were meant to be. WELL DONE TEAM!!

The next large undertaking/project was the automated Boat Ramp (Which will never replace Phyllis) but has been fully operational since early August. **Todd Wood** has dedicated a significant amount of time researching, designing, scheduling, implementing and creating a team of volunteers that staffed, the ramp, ensured the

residents had seamless launches & retrievals as needed and ultimately passed out the gate cards that allow for automated usage. These cards will be activated annually to members in good standing to allow for continuous use during the operational hours that are posted on the website and in the View during the boating season. I cannot thank the members of this team enough for their dedication, and ensuring the residents had the necessary help launching or retrieving their vessels. In addition to Todd, **Andy Sarkisian**, **Gary Koch**, **Tom Hochthanner**, **Dan Devine**, **Jack Kline**, **Jim Oakley**, **Tim Smith**, & **Zach Zukowsky** were all instrumental in ensuring a seamless transition to automation. While there are a few glitches/ rules that are still being worked out due to the multiple sensors and processes necessary to have the gate operate safely & securely the basic premise of operation has been working very well. We will continue to improve this experience as time goes on as the committee is still intact, are carefully watching the comings and goings, (Thank You **Amy & Todd Wood**) and reminding members of the best practices to be followed to keep our lake secure & private. Best practices can also be found on the website under Boat Ramp Do's & Don'ts. The guiding principle we're trying to convey with the ramp is to use your own card for your registered vessel's only and

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I have participated in the sale of these homes.



**5045 WINEWOOD Lane**

\$459,000 Completely Renovated home with Lake & Docking Privileges on all sports Lake Sherwood. This turn key home features Luxury Vinyl plank flooring throughout. Bright kitchen with Stainless Steel appliances, granite countertops & center island. Large Great room with Cathedral ceilings & gas fireplace.



**23078 CRANBROOK**

\$155,000 Move In Ready! Don't miss this 2 bed, 1 bath upper unit with attached garage in Lakewood Parkhomes. New kitchen, new floors, newer carpet, updated bathroom and top of the line walk-in closet with premium shelving. Award winning Novi school district. Walking distance to Village Oaks Elementary and clubhouse.



**4983 SURFWOOD Drive**

\$750,000 This spectacular colonial is situated in a prime location with water views from the front and rear of the home. The huge vaulted ceiling great room w/floor to ceiling windows greets you with breathtaking view of the lake. Updated spacious kitchen with large center aisle and granite counter tops allows for plenty of space.



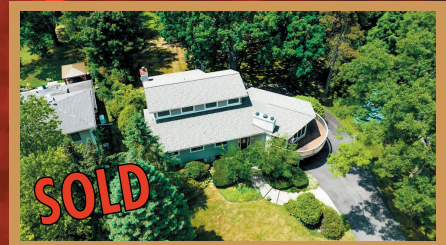
**4732 SURFWOOD Drive**

\$660,000 This Ranch home is situated on 120 FT of lake front & only a few homes away from the main lake. Pull right up to your back yard with dock, rock sea wall & great swimming area. 3 beds, 2.1 baths, Large great room w/ brick fireplace, wet bar & gorgeous views of lake.



**8203 HUNTINGTON Street #9**

Welcome home to this 2 bedroom ground level condo with Livonia schools! Steps away from the pool, this condo will not disappoint. Large living room with beautiful hardwood floors connecting to dining area, updated kitchen and ceramic flooring. Spacious Primary Bedroom and secondary bedroom, both with hardwood flooring.



**4637 DRIFTWOOD Drive**

\$540,000 This home comes with Lake Privileges & Docking Privileges on All Sports Lake Sherwood. Over 4,600 SQ FT of Living space featuring 5 bedrooms, 4 Full bathrooms and 2 Full Kitchens, perfect for an in-law qtrs. Huge Private Primary Suite with walk in closet & master bath waiting for your finishing touches.



**3365 LEDGEWOOD W**

\$630,000 Highly desirable All Sports Lake Sherwood community. This waterfront Ranch home is located on a cul-de-sac, with beautiful lake frontage with 2 boat docks and views of the lake from multiple door walls of the home. Updates include newer roof, Furnace, A/C, Water heater, & water softener.



**1458 ANCHOR Lane**

\$749,000 Stunning South Bay Shores custom all brick home w/over 4400 sq. Ft. of living space situated on approximately 1 acre in a cul-de-sac. Completely renovated w/flowing open floor plan. Large kitchen w/breakfast nook, custom cherry cabinets, ss appliances, quartz countertops, and large center island.



**1497 GLENEAGLES**

\$630,000 Stunning 4 bedroom 3.1 bath and over 4,000 sqft of living space. Beautiful backyard overlooks the 13th & 14th Greens of Prestwick Village Gold Club. Elegant entrance leads way to the Grand Living room with floor to ceiling two-way Stone Fireplace. Second floor catwalk leads way to 2nd & 3rd bedroom & full bath.

**During this important time of year, I'd like to take a moment to share my gratitude. I am grateful for your trust you've placed in me & I am beyond thankful to be a part of this amazing community that we are all blessed to live in. I look forward to serving you in 2023! May the holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love & your life with laughter.**



**SOLD**

**1560 CHANTICLAIR Circle**

\$399,900 Highly desirable Highgate on the lake. 2300 sqft, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths. Major remodels throughout include an open concept Livingroom to kitchen area, Granite countertops, Stainless steel appliances & Stone backsplash. High top sitting area w/ Trees Repurposed countertops & built in Wine fridge.



**SOLD**

**3680 SLEETH Road**

\$725,000 Be prepared to be wowed by the extra long driveway that leads you to the charming front porch where you will be welcomed into the 14x8 entrance with large coat closet. You will fall in love with the beautiful bamboo flooring & open floor plan of this Lake Sherwood waterfront home!



**SOLD**

**8217 SPRINGDALE Drive**

\$325,000 Beautiful Condominium Community! This home is clean & cheerful with recent updates. The front entrance greets you with a 2-story foyer. Sunlight floods the dining room & living room through the Western facing windows. The natural light flows into the functional kitchen which features plenty of counter-space.



**SOLD**

**19134 ANGLING Street**

\$152,050 Cozy Bungalow in Livonia offers a well maintained yard with shed. Inside you will find the home tastefully decorated with neutral colors. Laundry on main floor. Kitchen offers new stainless steel appliances. Large upstairs bedroom has lots of character.



**SOLD**

**3376 TIQUEWOOD**

\$775,000 "Diamond in the rough", best describes this wonderful 4 bdr. 2.5 bath brick ranch with finished walk-out on all sports lake sherwood w/124' ft. of lake frontage. Being sold as is and immediate occupancy. Trex decking & patio with great lake views and perfect for year around enjoyment & entertaining.



**SOLD**

**10748 LIGHTHOUSE Point**

\$940,000 Beautiful Colonial in Hidden Lake Estates! 2 story foyer w/ hardwood floors and stunning curved staircase. 2 story Great Room w/ floor to ceiling windows overlooking Hidden Lake, two sided gas fireplace with marble surround. Gourmet kitchen with maple cabinets, granite countertops, and stainless steel appliances.



**SOLD**

**21869 MIDDLEBELT Road**

\$120,000 Bungalow style home. Nice size living room w/large picture window for natural light. 2 bedrooms and upper loft. New features include Newer Roof, Furnace & Water heater. Large yard & 1 car Detached garage with fenced yard. Close to highways, restaurants & shopping.



**SOLD**

**1949 MIDCHESTER Drive**

\$3,500/Lease 4 Bedrooms, 4.1 Baths, 3,106 SqFt. Built in 1993, .21 Acres



**SOLD**

**4107 INVERRARY Court**

\$660,000 Custom Tom Welsh Construction built home. Stunning open floor plan, light-filled rooms, cherry hardwood flooring, crown moldings, granite throughout all bathrooms and kitchen. Kitchen offers premium cabinetry, spacious walk-in pantry, ample workspace along with SS appliances, an island with breakfast bar,

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# Annual Fishing Contest Winners



## Kids:



**PIKE:** Mason 24"/Nick 24" and Tucker 26"

**BASS:** Cooper 16"

**CRAPPIE:** Cooper 12"

**Multi Species:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Kevin & Carver Jarriett of Tiquewood 78"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Resting Fish Face (Eric & Anthony) of Ravinewood Drive 54.5

**Bass:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Bennet Elwood & Sam Falzon of Winewood Ct. 82"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Chris Ettinger & Carlos Mojica of Beachwood Ct 81"

**Smallest** - Gary Coch & Jerry Doute - 1" Crappie



## Raffle Winners:

Brian Helgemo—Tackle Box with contents

Evan Kunkel—Life Like Glasses & fishing net

Sam Falzon—RTIC 32 oz bottle

David Fredenberg—Sunglasses

Lynne Leipold—Combo Pack

Jake Bauder—Tackle Box and Bass Pro Gift Card

Bennett Elwood—Pliers/tackle box

Lynne Leipold—Tackle Box and Bass Pro Gift Card

Royce Knoll—Fish scale/tackle box

Troy Helgemo—Mystery Bag

David Fredenberg—Lake Life Glasses & fishing pliers

Luca Frellic—Deck & Docs Gift Card

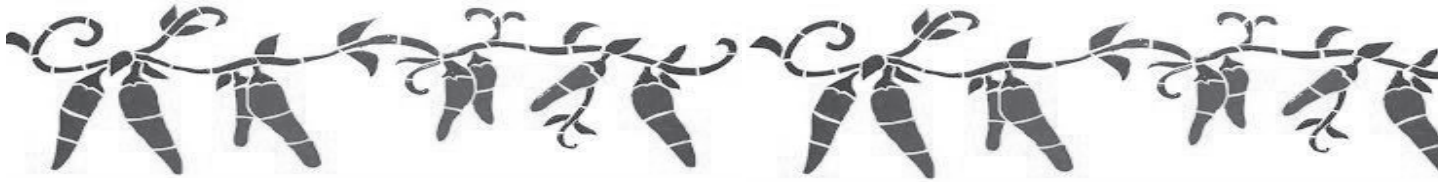


**A BIG Thank you to our volunteers—  
Beth Conner, Julie Race and Diana Grober!**



**Another BIG Thank you for our donations for the raffle and goodie bags.** Thank you to Diana Grober (realtor—KW Showcase), Dave & Julie Race, Conner Insurance Group, Sandy Jones (realtor—Real Estate One), Decks & Docks and Oakland Vision.

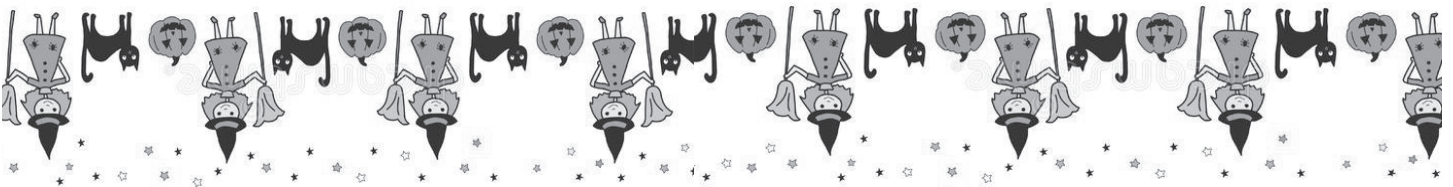




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# Annual Holiday Lighting Contest!

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 10:00pm



Judges will be driving through the neighborhood in search of the BEST displays!  
**Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, along with the traditional hand-made temporary lawn sign to show off to your neighbors!**



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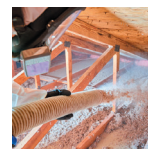
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# Social Happenings

Jody Payne



## 2022 Winter Social Happenings

### UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS:

#### Holiday Outdoor Lighting Contest

Holiday season is upon us! And it is time to start planning all your fun, bright and festive outdoor decorating ideas. **This is a Lake Sherwood tradition that goes back to over 25 years ago.** The winning wooden sandwich board lawn signs were hand-made by an LSA resident and have been a treasured trophy that are proudly displayed each December. So, get ready to start decorating the house, garage, lawn, trees, and anything else that will hold



Christmas lights and let's see who will be the top 3 homes in 2022. **The Annual Holiday Outdoor Lighting Contest is on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The judges will be driving around that night and awarding the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners between 6-9pm** with the lawn signs and some great gift baskets to share with family and friends this holiday season. So, get those twinkling lights, dancing reindeer and blow-up snowman out of the garages and basement and let's make Lake Sherwood really sparkle this holiday season. Happy Holidays!

#### Winter Carnival

Grab your mittens, scarves, hats and join us on **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ledgewood A-lot from 12noon – 4pm for the WINTER CARNIVAL!** Hosting this event is an LSA neighbor of ours, **Cheryl Mueller of Driftwood and her company eXp Realty – The LUX GROUP** is also sponsoring it. Like any other event, we are always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to **volunteer to**



**help set up some tables or run an event, please reach out by email to [Cheryl.mueller@exprealty.com](mailto:Cheryl.mueller@exprealty.com) or text her at 248-505-7653.** Last year we had to postpone it a bit due to some really cold weather, but it worked out to be a gorgeous day when it was all said and done. There were skaters, ice fisherman, putt-putt ice golf and even some curling happening at the north end. Such a fun day to stroll around the ice and visit with the neighbors. So, mark your calendars and come on over to the **Ledgewood A-lot on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at noon** and let's celebrate winter and have fun on the ice!!

## SAVE THE DATE - SPRING 2023 EVENTS:



**Kids Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kendall Park @ 3pm**

Sponsored by Randy Wilcox of Keller Williams Wilcox Realty Group



**Perennial Exchange – Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in Kendall Park from 3:00pm – 4:30pm**

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**Best Family Costume**  
Emerson & Chris Petersen on  
Inveraray Lane

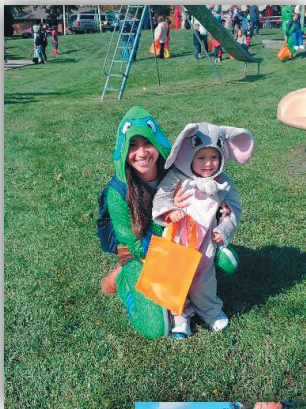
# HALLOWEEN PARTY



**Scariest Costume**  
Bella Diamond on  
Leafwood Dr.

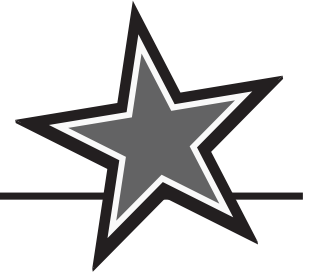


**Most Creative Costume**  
Molly Polcyn on  
Raivinewood Dr.



# Presidents Report

Steve Biebel



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hopefully you find the gate secure when you go to utilize the ramp and leave it secure when you leave – remember there is a close gate button by the Lake Sherwood Boat ramp sign on the south side of the ramp. There may be times when you have to hold this button until the gate fully closes due to sensor sensitivity or just wait 2 minutes and the gate should close automatically. If you ever have any questions regarding the ramp the volunteers have posted their phone numbers on the Ramp bulletin board. On a sad note, **Jack Kline**, who has been a cheerful, reliable dedicated volunteer & Assistant Ramp Manager for 20+ years passed away on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. He will be sorely missed but we will carry his memory with us as we reminisce all things ramp related.

Another project that has finally commenced is the Wildwood River muck removal project and Lake testing. While **Todd Angevine** was the tip of the spear for this one - Todd has since moved out of the neighborhood but still worked with us all the way up to the initiation of the testing by Apex to determine if the original plan with using Muck Men to suck the silt out of the canal to make it navigable for all our members at the north end of the river. As Todd moved out **Jackie Brown** who lives across the canal from Todd picked up where Todd left off and thrust this project into the starting gates and got the testing completed back on October 25<sup>th</sup> and we are currently awaiting the results. Two other areas of the lake were tested where there were some concerns identified – The inlet from Buell/ Cranberry Lake near Jungle Island and also the Driftwood A Lot inlet pipe that receives the water shed from the two schools' properties just west of us. There were some unique discoveries made during the testing by Gary Koch, Jackie Brown, and the testing crew that we are having examined to take a broad approach to protecting our water quality. This is one of the

highest concerns of all the residents and we are intent in getting ahead of these issues as soon as possible to ensure this doesn't become the snowball rolling down the hill. There are other alternatives that have already been researched (Bio Pods) that are a potential solution that can be implemented rapidly in the Spring should the testing not come back in favor of the preferred method of the muck removal. This potential solution has had some promising results on two other Lakes we visited (Upper Straights & Lake Chemung) to examine results. This solution may take longer than sucking the muck out and dewatering before shipping off to farmer's who desire the end product, but it is a viable alternative. Stand By for (hopefully) good results that will push this project forward in the Spring!!

I also want to take a moment to thank all the members who showed up for the GMM in Kendall Park in less than desirable weather. There was the added bonus of the Chili Cook Off & Beer Tasting that immediately followed. Thanks to **Jody Payne** for pulling this all together! We were able to cover all the requisite business - Elections completed, Budget Approved, kept the dues the same, and gave the members their forum to inform the Board of their wishes. Thanks again to everyone who showed up to reach a quorum to conduct our official business.

It was a wonderful and productive Summer with many events and opportunities for all the members to participate in as we have taken many steps forward this year with a significant amount of participation in the scheduled events and the many projects moving forward or completed. It is truly a blessing to live in this community and see the value of our little slice of Heaven. Remember also that "In the end it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years" (Abe Lincoln)

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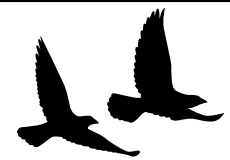
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## Larry Gray, Township Supervisor

October 15, 2022, 12:00 PM



**Township Supervisor, Larry Gray** first addressed the Association with an update on the Township before the General Membership meeting in Kendall Park.

**Pickle Ball courts** have been built at Richardson Community Center.

**Christmas Tree Lighting event** on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-8 PM. There will be lots of activities. It will take place at the Richardson Community Center

Commerce Township **Alert Texts**- text CTALERTS to 888-777 to get on the system to receive alerts from the Township.

**Federal Rescue Plan Dollars**- Township spent 6.9 million dollars to turn waste water sludge into fertilizer to sell to farmers. Before they spent more money to remove the sludge and dispose of it. That program was free to taxpayers.

**Hickory Park** on Richardson has been improved with an additional entrance and parking.

**Crystal Lake Development**- backs up to Ravinewood, will have 204 homes built on the land with home prices between \$400,000-\$450,000 and up to \$1,000,000 for waterfront properties.

**M-DOT** will be installing the waves back on the M-5 overpass bridge. Panels are being re-galvanized.

**Millage Vote**- he encouraged everyone to vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>. There is an Oakland County wide millage to increase taxes for a mass transit plan. Commerce Twp. would not receive much in this plan. The costs would be \$95.00 per each \$100,000 of assessed value. The Township currently has a transit contract with Peoples Express for rides to those who need it for \$2.00 per ride.

Master Plan Tool Kit, this is a packet that he would like filled out and returned by mid-November. It will help plan what the needs are within the Township. Steve Biebel has the packet.

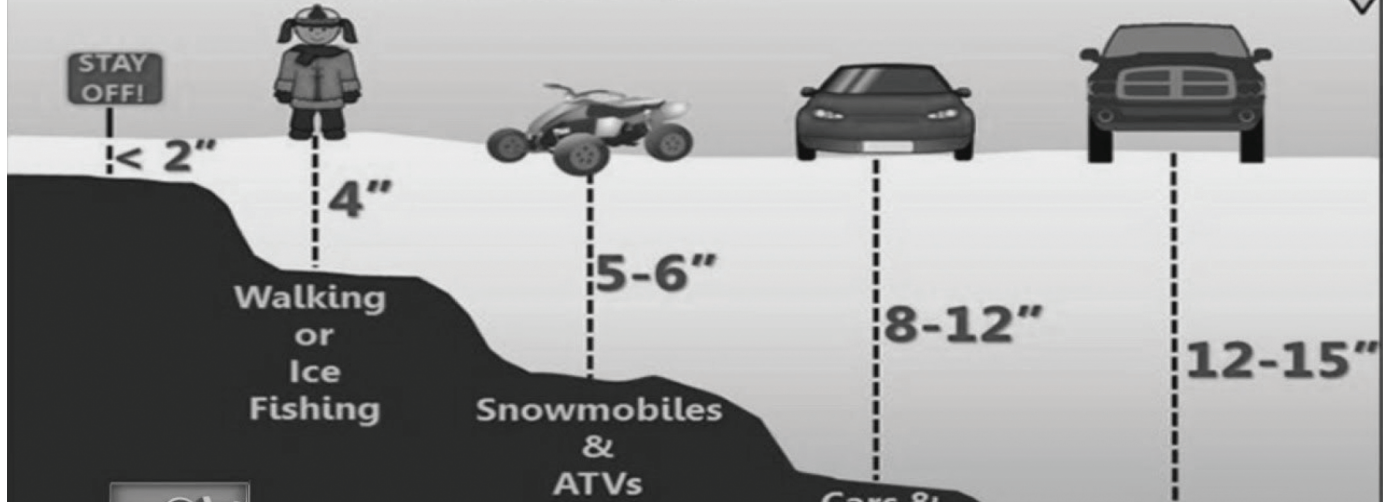
**Ordinance Officers**- there are currently 2 part time officers.

**Township office hours**- Monday-Thursday 7:15AM- 5:30 PM. Making it accessible to those going to work in the morning or those returning home after work.

**Sewer Hookups**- There was a problem with some of the older hookups that malfunctioned. They now have one company, C&E, that handles the installations. The Township also purchased many grinder pumps at a discount to save homeowners money on the cost of hooking up.

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# Recording Secretary

Diane DeVincent



**Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting**  
**October 15, 2022, 12:00 PM**  
**Kendall Park**  
51 households in attendance

**Township Supervisor, Larry Gray** first addressed the Association with an update on the Township.

**The Official Start of the Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting was at 12:21PM by President Steve Biebel.**

The first order of business is the approval of the minutes from the Spring General Membership Meeting. Motion made by Rob Kelel and seconded by Karen Adams to accept the minutes as printed in the View, motion passed.

**Election Ballot-** Steve introduced everyone on the Board to the membership. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. Ballots would need to be turned in by 1:30 PM.

Jack Kline- recently passed, was a longtime resident with many years of assistance at the boat ramp. Steve asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jack's passing.

**Vice President, Jody Payne-** Jody has been working on understanding the various committees and their roles. She is gathering a description of each committee and a list of the committee members. This will be on the website within a week. If the membership has a question, they will be able to go to the website and know who the proper person is to contact for an answer.

**Treasurer, Paul Mac Donald-** The budget has a forecast variance of \$43,000 to allow for unknown costs related to the Water Quality matter. We may still spend some of it this year, but likely won't until 2023. The State (EGLE) has approved testing of the Wildwood Canal and 2 other areas on the lake. The testing will cost around \$10,000. We will have to wait to see what the test results are to determine what the State will allow for dredging. The 2023 Weed Control amount will be kept the same and usually comes in lower. There are 10 members who have not paid their dues as of now,

3 homes have liens on them. The Dues will stay the same at \$400.00 per residence if the proposed budget is approved. Prices have gone up for most items, so the Board is trying to build up the reserve to cover future repairs. There is \$77,000 (\$47,000 from the Association and \$30,000 from the lawsuit reserve) less approximately \$10,000 for testing, to get the dredging project started. Three large willow trees on Skiers Island and U-Turn Island had to be removed, as they were in danger of falling in the lake and possibly damaging seawalls. Seaside Seawall Company agreed to take the trees down and do cleanup for \$13,000 while they had the barges still on the lake. That was determined to be a good price, so it was decided to go ahead with the job. Andy Sarkisian asked if increasing inflationary costs were included in the budget. Paul explained that there is a contingency amount planned into the budget for most areas that aren't governed by a contract. Another resident asked about repaving on Driftwood, Paul said that it is not in the Association Budget and a special assessment district (SAD) would be created with the township for residents with road frontage on that street. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and 2023 budget (dues) by Brandon Leslie and seconded by Kathy Sawicki, motion passed.

**Recording Secretary, Diane DeVincent-** no report  
**Corresponding Secretary, Thea Vagiates-** no report

## **Operating Committee Reports**

**Skiers Island, Tom Hochthanner-** Tom recognized other committee members- Greg Woelfel, Andy Sarkisian, Dan Devine, Harry and Linda Tucker for all of their volunteer work. The seawall project took 26 months to complete. The seawall is 7-8 inches taller than the one on U-Turn Island. On the east side of the island a 30-foot angled deflector plate was installed to keep boat wake water off of

the island and to stop the erosion of the dirt on the backside of the seawall. On the west side there is 110 feet of rip rap (large boulders) to break up the wave action. The rip rap was required by the State in the permit. A landscaper will be installing 99 plants on the west side of the island in the coming weeks. The project cost a total of \$124,000. There will be a total of 4 docks on the island next year, 2 on the north side and 2 on the south side.

**Sunset Island, Tom Hochthanner-** A company was hired to move the existing washed out concrete blocks back to the shoreline to keep the island from further erosion. The cost was \$4,700. In the spring volunteers will be needed to help add some backfill dirt around the island. When that is complete, a landscaper will do plantings to hold in and stabilize the dirt. Tom thanked Dave VonBehren for clearing a large amount of brush from tree trimmings on the island.

**Boat Ramp, Todd Wood** reported that the launch gate process has been going well. Questions arose as to where the scanner is. The scanner is to the left of the bulletin board. The button to close the gate is on the left of the Lake Sherwood Boat Ramp sign (on the right side of the ramp). The ramp will be open till December 1<sup>st</sup>. He warned that taking your boat out at that time could present some dangerous issues with low lake levels. The cost to install the system was just under \$25,000. He would like to have the overage budgeted as money available to address any repairs. Andy Sarkisian has user cards available for pick up at the meeting.

**Wildwood Canal, Jackie Brown and Mike Willet-** The new members have taken on the project from Todd Angevine. The testing will take place next week as EGLE has now approved the testing. After we receive the test results EGLE will let us know how to proceed. The Parelli's have approved using their property west of the canal where it enters LSA to dump the muck for dewatering in geo tubes. There are some local farmers who propose to take the dried muck for their fields at no cost to the Association. Hopefully the dredging will begin in the spring of 2023.

**Water/Boat Safety, Brandon Leslie-** The buoys will be removed on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, please use caution. Homeowners that have personal buoys in front of the homes should have a permit from the State as they are not allowed. Kathy Sawicki brought

up the issue with homeowners that have trees overhanging the water that might be a navigation hazard, the individual homeowner's need to address the problem. Also, make sure that your things are secured, as many have lost dock sections or other items that could cause problems and damage to others property or boats.

**Water Quality, TJ Gurski-** Not present, Steve B. reported about the Eutrosorb bags that collect phosphorus and other road chemicals from entering the lake when placed in drain culverts. A couple of them were tested this year and found to improve the water quality in that area. The bags should be replaced periodically during the spring/summer. Regarding weed treatments, Aquaweed has been posting where treatments will occur after surveying the lake. The Boat ramp has a map on the bulletin board displaying where treatments were applied.

**Beautification, Karen Adams-** Arbor Green has 2 more years on their contract for lawn maintenance. They will continue cleanup till mid-November. There were a couple benches donated to the A-Lots. The entryway signs will have the plants cleaned up in the Spring.

**Trees/Fences, Kathy Sawicki-** Let her know if you see any trees or fences that need attention. A member mentioned that there is an A-Lot with a dead tree, Kathy said that it will be addressed in the spring.

**Architectural, Greg Woelfel-** No report

**A-Lot, Linda Gepper-** Not present. Paul MacDonald reported that there are 13 spots open with 1 pontoon spot available.

**Waterfowl, Cathy Brush-** There is in place a 5-year petition for the annual permit for egg destruction. This year the committee collected 46 eggs from 7 nests. The Buell drain is a possible pathway from Cranberry Lake for geese to travel, they are looking into putting up a deterrent to stop the geese from traveling from Cranberry Lake to Lake Sherwood.

**Fish Management, Dan Devine-** He plans on stocking the lake with 750 6" to 7" walleye sometime this fall on a Saturday at the Boat Ramp. He would like to get residents and kids to help. The date will be announced on the website and by email from Martha Klemmer.

**Website, Rick Kirchner-** Currently, residents have access to all the necessary forms on the website. A "frequently asked question" section will be available

soon along with the calendar of events.

**Social, Jody Payne-** reported on the Chili Cookoff and Beer Tasting taking place immediately after the meeting today. Sunday, the Kids Halloween party will take place chaired by Nick Polcyn. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of October the Halloween decorating contest will be held. Followed up by the Holiday Lighting contest on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM.

**Election Results, Steve Biebel-** All on the ballot were elected, with the exception of a close race for Area 11. There were 3 ballots in question, the ballot voting members would be contacted to see for who they wanted to cast their votes. The results will be announced as soon as those members are contacted.

Update on election results- It was a close race with Brandon Leslie being elected to represent Area 11.

**By-Laws update, Kathy Sawicki-** Her committee is beginning the process of reviewing the current By-Laws and their recommendations should be forthcoming next year. Once reviewed by the Board, the By-Laws will be voted on by the membership.

The current By-laws are 20 years old and don't address things like electronic communication, boat ramp changes, home businesses, etc.

**Bulletin Board/Little Library,** the bulletin board at Kendall Park has been removed and a Little Library has been added. Member at large Steve Koester built the library for the membership to drop off a book or take a book to read. Please check it out and better yet donate or take a book to read.

**Dog Park Proposal, Rene Kersanty-**(member at large) She would like to see a dog park installed in Kendall Park. Rene had a poster board with an aerial view of the park with an area marked out for the proposed dog park. She put some flags out marking the area for members to see. One member voiced a problem that the area is very wet in the spring or after heavy rains.

Motion to close the meeting made by Brandon Leslie and seconded by Kathy Sawicki. Motion to close passed at 2:07 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane DeVincent.



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## Tiguewood Block Party



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**Fall Clean Up Help** Ethan Parker for hire! Although Ethan is away at school, he is available on some weekends. Call or text Ethan @ 248-318-2278 for his availability. Typically \$10/hr.

**Fundraiser** for St. Patrick's Christmas Dream Wagon, Raffle tickets will be sold from October 1<sup>st</sup>-December 2<sup>nd</sup>. One winner will get the wagon and all the contacts. Contact Carolyn Friend @ 810-423-0870 for more information.

## Cheers and Jeers

If you don't already know, there is an idea going around of putting a dog park within Kendall Park. The proposed dog park would take up a substantial area of the park directly behind many fellow residents' homes. Of course, many residents and local *non-residents* who don't live on the park may like this as an option for your dog. I would like you to think about what it might be like to have a large chain-link fenced in the dog park installed adjacent to your backyard. Obviously, it would bring muddy/dusty open ground, uncleaned dog poop, smell of dog poop, barking and potential for dogs getting off leash. Residents of Lake Sherwood generally have large yards with plenty of room for pets to roam. There are also many dog parks already set up only a few miles from here. I have a dog and an electric underground fence which contains my dog. I already know that if there was a dog park behind my house, it would affect my dog. He would be anxious, bark constantly and likely "take the shock" to run after the other dogs. I would be forced to chain my dog up so yours can temporarily run free. A dog park does not belong in a residential area and is a very BAD idea. A dog park should never even be entertained as a potential addition to our park.

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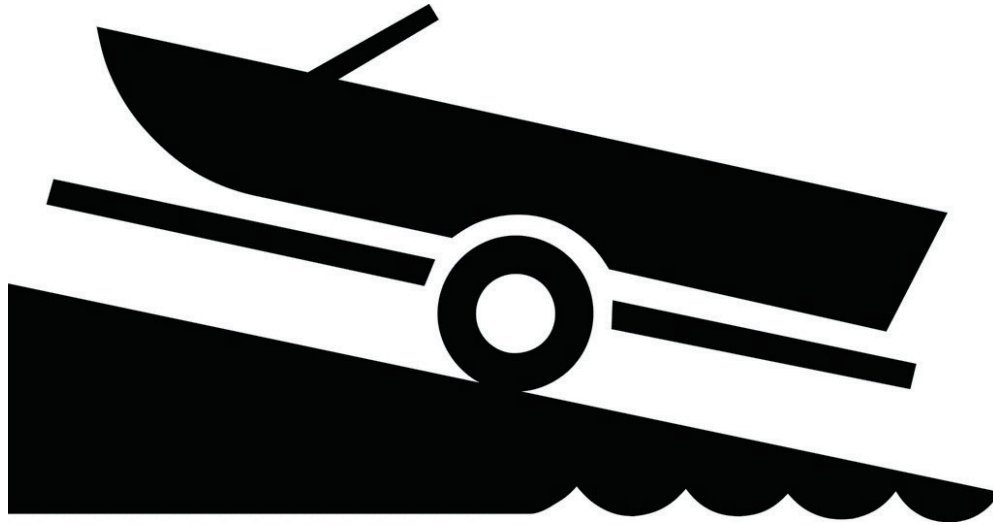


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# Lake Sherwood Boat Ramp



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November:	9:00AM — 5:00PM

## Points of Contact

Andy Sarkisian	248.684.5179
Todd Wood	248.980.4052
Steve Biebel	248.462.0520
Gary Koch	248.982.6402
Dan Devine	248.255.7207
Tom Hochthanner	248.305.0357
Zach Zukowsky	248.692.4594

## Fall 2022 Notes

After a lengthy delay, the automated boat launch gate functioned quite well for the last half of the summer, and that included over 400 uses in October. There will still be a few bugs moving forward, so please make sure the gate closes each time you use the launch. Feel free to call any of the Points of Contact listed above if there are any issues.

All access cards will be deactivated in December. Cards will be reactivated next March for an anticipated opening date of April 1st (subject to change based on weather). Each household must have paid their dues before their card is activated. Since there are over 600 households in the neighborhood, please make sure you pay your dues as early as possible to avoid any delays in activation.

Also, please remember to keep your User Agreement up to date. Contact us if you Buy, Sell, or Trade your boats. Otherwise the system will flag your Spring launch as a possible violation.

# Fishing Report

Dan Devine



What a great day! We had a wonderful turn out to release fish into our lake. Imlay City Fish Farm delivered 880 6" - 8" walleyes and the kids carried buckets of fish to the lake.

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## Steve Koester

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The Little Free Library is located at the entrance of Kendall Park (behind the sign) and was built and installed by 19-year LSA resident, **Steve Koester of Driftwood Drive**.

Steve is passionate about the Little Free Library that was established at Scarlet’s Playground as a tribute to his wife Melissa, a librarian, who passed away in 2020. He replenishes that library with his wife’s expansive collection of children’s books.

Steve was asked by our Board if he would install a ‘Little Free Library’ to spread the love of reading around our neighborhood. Steve kindly agreed and with the assistance of LSA resident **Brad Burton of Ledgewood Drive**, we now have a library of our own!

In case you are wondering how it works, it is a “take a book, share a book” free book exchange. You can borrow a book, read it, and then return when you are finished, or you can replace with another book instead. Alternately, you are more than welcome to donate any books that you feel may be of interest to our neighbors. Thank you to the Board, Steve, and Brad for providing access, and promoting literacy within our neighborhood.

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Dock need maintenance? Winter's a good time to work on your dock when the lake is frozen. Bonus! Your tools fall on the ice...not into the murky water!

As always, ideas and concerns are welcome.

LSA A-LOT DOCK COMMITTEE

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If you're considering getting a lift, remember you must get PRIOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION to install a lift on any A-lot slip.

# The Good Guys

Complete Good Guys List on the Lake Sherwood website  
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Type of Business	Business Name	Phone	Recommended by	Comments
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Handyman	Jeff Handyman Service	808-292-9622	Joan Spiroff Ledgewood Ct. E.	Did work on deck. Excellent worker. On time Highly recommended.
Painter	In & Out Painting	Scott Gebel 808-312-2114	Joan Spiroff Ledgewood Ct. E.	Super goodpainter...did deck work ...Highly recommended
Repair	Pro Built	Vince 248-722-5195	Joan Spiroff Ledgewood Ct. E.	Removed old siding & installed new vinyl. Great crew got it done in 2 days. Hard workers. Highly recommended
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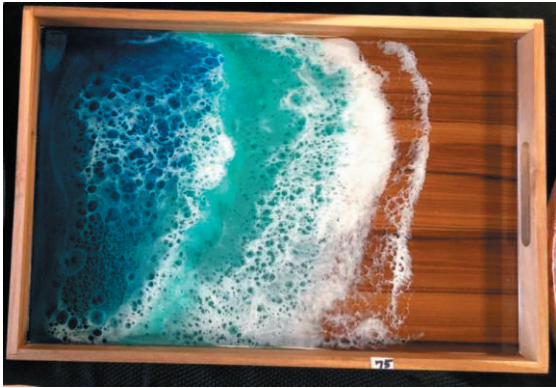
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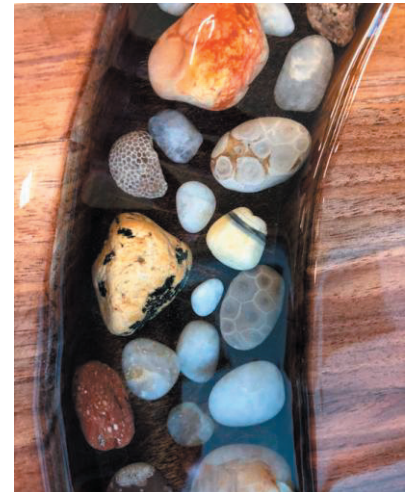
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# Treasurer's Report

Paul MacDonald



Lt Paul MacDonald

## 2022 YTD Forecast and 2023 Approved Budget

	2022 YTD thru 11/4 Results	2022 Approved Budget	Positive (Negative) Variance	APPROVED 2023 Budget
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Current Year Dues	\$249,531	\$248,750	\$781	\$249,000
Prior Year Dues	533	2,610	(2,077)	1,350
Advertising for VIEW	12,276	12,000	276	12,000
Interest Income (less bank fees)	29	180	(151)	180
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$262,370</b>	<b>\$263,540</b>	<b>(\$1,170)</b>	<b>\$262,530</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Lakes Committee - Weed Control	\$82,620	\$108,500	} 10,109	\$108,500
Lakes Committee - Ramp	23,518	45,000		6,200
Lakes Committee-(water testing, fish stocking, etc)	96,578	59,325		12,022
Ongoing Grounds Maintenance	46,850	44,090	(2,760)	37,562
Beautification Committee	4,031	1,600	(2,431)	2,101
Newsletter/Communication Costs	16,298	18,854	2,556	20,244
Fireworks	22,050	19,050	(3,000)	24,550
Social	2,826	2,675	(151)	3,125
Insurance & Legal	9,296	7,370	(1,926)	7,670
Dock Expense (Ramp & Islands)	1,300	1,500	200	10,000
Utilities - Street Lights	2,419	2,200	(219)	2,500
Pontoon expenses	1,058	650	(408)	650
Storage Unit Rental	960	875	(85)	1,000
Supplies, billing & collection, office	1,240	1,615	375	1,715
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$311,043</b>	<b>\$313,304</b>	<b>\$2,261</b>	<b>\$237,839</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$48,674)</b>	<b>(\$49,764)</b>	<b>\$1,090</b>	<b>\$24,691</b>

### \*\*\* 2022 Financial Notes:

- Dues collections are basically on budget. Currently, 10 that haven't paid, which is about average.
- We expect to come in under budget in the weed treatment line by approximately \$26,000.
- We've spent all of the required funds towards the new electronic gate at the boat ramp, and are pleased to say we have come in under budget. The automatic gate process seems to be working well as we all proceed through the "learning curve".
- With the savings in the other "Lakes" items, we can cover the **required** overage that EGLE has imposed upon us in regards to the new seawall around Skiers Island, and still be within our budget. In order to move forward with the installation, we had to agree to comply with several add-ons.
- Regarding the Water Quality project that was approved for the 2022 budget for \$47,000, there has been similar challenges with getting a permit from EGLE. At this point, we are forecasting the expense at the budgeted amount, but this could change as we work through the process. We have contracted with a company to begin the EGLE required testing.

### \*\*\* 2023 Approved Budget Notes:

- After much discussion amongst the Board members, the Board voted to hold the 2023 annual dues at \$400. This was then discussed at the October General Membership meeting and **approved** by a vote of the members.
  - One of the larger items in our budget every year is the weed treatment for the lake, and we anticipate that we can hold that at the same budgeted amount as 2022.
  - The boat ramp electronic gate will have annual expenses that should be much less than using a manned administrator. Utilities and some potential repairs are all that we expect moving forward.
  - As mentioned above, the water quality issue has been delayed somewhat. Once the committee satisfies what EGLE requires, we can move forward. Due to the uncertainty surrounding this project, we aren't budgeting any additional dollars in 2023.
  - Grounds Maintenance is lower in 2023 due to having spent \$8,000 on Sunset Island shoreline restoration in 2022.
  - Several of the docks and poles at the islands are in need of repair and replacement for safety reasons. This expenditure is estimated at \$8,000 and should last for many years.
  - The cost of fireworks has jumped sharply over the last couple years, but with this being our single largest attended Social event, we felt that we still get great value and enjoyment for the cost.
- + We expect to have unencumbered cash of approximately \$346,000 at 12/31/22.

Paul MacDonald - LSA Treasurer

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to call me at (248) 685-9736 or email: Treasurer@lake-sherwood.org



# **SNOW**

**Warning: - Don't throw snow into the Road—it is illegal**

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) reminds residents and business owners that it is illegal under Michigan law to shovel or plow snow or ice onto any road or highway. Doing so is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and/or a jail sentence of up to 90 days.

When driveways get plowed, legally, the snow banks can't be out past the curb and in the streets. In some areas, the road narrows significantly on both sides as a result, and can be a driving hazard, and also prevent the Oakland County Road Commission plows from doing a good job. If you use a plow service to clean your drive, you are still responsible, so please make it a requirement of their service. Also, if cars are parked in the street, it can be (and has been) a deterrent for Oakland County Road Commission to plow. I get complaints that the snow removal service from neighbor's snow removal service across the street is pushing the snow on their side of the street causing problems for the other neighbor.



Put **snow stakes** along your curb so the plows don't plow your grass. Deep snow makes it impossible to see where the street ends and your property begins. This is especially important if you live on a curved street or court.



**Mailboxes** – be sure to clear snow one car length before and after mailbox. Customers are asked to clear enough snow from curbside boxes to allow mail trucks to approach the box, deliver the mail, and drive away from the box without danger or the need for backing. The post office can refuse to deliver your mail if the carrier cannot reach your mailbox from his vehicle. Sometimes the whole neighborhood does not get mail delivery if too many have not cleared their mailbox. Commerce/Walled Lake Post office phone number is: 248-669-8089 if you need to complain about your mail delivery (or lack of delivery).

Clear snow from **furnace vents** – you sure don't want to lose your heat this time of the year.

Be sure to clear snow from the furnace vent outside. Modern high efficiency furnaces have vents that come through the side wall of the house and if covered with snow it has caused many furnaces to shut down.

## **Why don't we pay for snow removal?**

The LSA membership has rejected paying for private snow removal service. The reason - Our gas taxes pays Oakland County Road Commission for snow removal and the membership voted that they did not want to pay for a service OCRC is paid to provide.

There are also insurance issues. The Lake Sherwood roads are county roads and Lake Sherwood Association DEFINITELY has no liability in the event anyone is hurt on the roads -- winter, spring, summer or fall. The county has governmental immunity from suit for damages related to performing road maintenance and has no liability to anyone for accidents on the roads, absent extraordinary circumstances.

Lake Sherwood Association were to choose to plow the roads and something happened to someone or something, Lake Sherwood might then BECOME liable when it is not now.

Our LSA Association does pay a private contractor to clear the Subdivision entrances if snow is over 4 inches. The reason the Association pays for the entrances is that after the OCRC goes down the main Roads (Commerce) – all that extra snow is at the entrance to our subdivision roads. We got a lot of complaints of residents getting stuck at the intersection and the Board was concerned about the safety for residents at the intersections.

## **Want Better Service?**

Complain to the Oakland County Road Commission. Even better Thanks for good service.

## **Line is always busy**

There are 2 other ways to contact the road commission - their web site has a complaint form and also an email address. All contact info is below.

Oakland County Road Commission and go on the website: [www.rcocweb.org](http://www.rcocweb.org)

WEB FORM: [http://www.rcocweb.org/AboutUs/Contact\\_Us.aspx](http://www.rcocweb.org/AboutUs/Contact_Us.aspx)

E-MAIL: [dcsmail@rcoc.org](mailto:dcsmail@rcoc.org)

PHONE: 877-858-4804

Please keep the above info as we will have more snow this winter.

The OCRC does the major roads first - secondary roads last. When we have continuous snow - major roads have priority and secondary roads will not be done until snow stops and major roads are cleared. The most convincing word to use is "**SAFETY**". Be sure to mention your concern about safety along with the inconvenience, getting stuck, etc.

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