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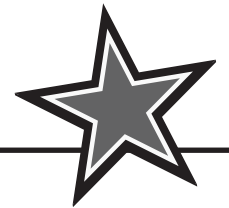
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Presidents Report

Steve Biebel



Hello Lake Sherwood residents and welcome to Spring 2023. Spring is always an exciting time around here as expectations rise with the improving weather and the anticipation of using our greatest asset, after the residents themselves, the LAKE!! As I write this we are cleaning up after one of the recent severe ice storms which left many without power for an extended period. This only enhances the expectations of fairer weather to come and all the extensive activities that come with our little slice of Heaven here in LSA.

The Boat Ramp will be operational via access card for the first time during the Spring launch period and the Boat Ramp team led by **Todd Wood** are looking forward to a seamless transition to the unstaffed gate. (Except for the cameras) There is always help available if needed as the Ramp team has their numbers listed on the bulletin board on the North side of the ramp to the right of the card reader (mounted on the left hand side of the bulletin board). I'd also like to remind everyone that after all vehicles, trailers, boats etc., are clear of the sensors at the threshold of the gate, the gate will close automatically after 2 minutes. We are asking people to be diligent in our responsibility to ensure the gate closes after your individual use. There is also a gate close button on the south end of the ramp attached to the boat ramp sign which can be utilized to close the gate immediately. Lake security is of great concern to many residents and these built in safeguards will help keep our lake secure & safe. Again, only use your access card for launching/retrieving vessels registered to you and that have been submitted to our database. If at any time you need

assistance please try to call one of the team members in advance to facilitate a smooth and safe launch or retrieval. This will ensure efficiency when it's time to visit the ramp. Anyone using the ramp should have a signed Boat Ramp Agreement on file and adhering to the rules stated in the agreement will benefit everyone in the long run.

There are many other projects going on behind the scenes that are addressing things such as water quality, Island maintenance, additional landscaping ideas and improvements and many other previous projects that are getting buttoned up. Water quality seems to be at the forefront of many residents' minds and steps are being taken to address this important issue. First, the lake testing was completed by Apex in the fall and permit forms are being prepared to submit to EGLE (Environment Great Lakes & Energy) to allow us to take the next steps to improve the silt & organic matter entering our Lake via the Wildwood Canal. These actions and the associated budget were approved by the Membership almost 2 years ago and we are diligently taking the steps necessary to continue this project. Everything's moving at the speed of government but we are still at it. There also were meetings with the Township & Drain commission to examine more carefully the nutrients and runoff that is entering our lake via the storm drains. These meetings also were focused on the deterioration of the buried culverts that direct the storm runoff into the lake. These culverts exist on LSA property with a right of way given to the Road Commission whom we are attempting to facilitate some maintenance on this infrastructure. On another front we

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HAPPY
4th of July

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Friday, June 30th

**Night of Lights Boat Parade
9:30pm in Winewood Bay**



Saturday, July 1st

**Fireworks on the Lake
10pm from Higgins Island**



Sunday, July 2nd

**Music on the Lake
3:30pm-6pm on Main Lake**



June 1st, 2nd & 3rd
(Thur-Sat)
9:00am - 5:30pm

Shopper Maps will be available!

LSA will provide neighborhood map starring all the homes hosting a garage sale. If you would like to participate, please email **Martha Klemmer** at marthaklemmer@comcast.net before **May 26th** so your address can appear on the Shopper Map.



7th Annual Boat Poker Run

Saturday, June 24th ~ Starts at 2pm on Higgins Island



\$50 entry fee per boat

Send your entry fee to Andrea by Venmo to @Andrea-VonBehren

Entries Limited to 30 Boats!

Captains Meeting at 2pm SHARP on Higgins Island
Lake Maps Provided for Card Locations

CASH Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th!

Winners Determined by Best 5 of 7 Cards

For additional questions feel free to reach out to Andrea at 248-563-8930



HELP KEEP OUR LAKE HEALTHY

As spring approaches and we all anxiously wait to get our bodies and boats in the water, I would like to give a few reminders and tips to help maintain and improve our water quality.

Rake your beachfront periodically, especially in the spring and fall to remove decaying leaves and sticks. The decay process of these items robs the lake and fish of valuable dissolved oxygen and causes an increase in the temperature of the lake water

If **fertilizing** your lawns, choose a fertilizer or lawn care company that uses a phosphorus free fertilizing program. Phosphorus promotes growth of lawns, as well as lake weeds, and it will get into the lake through run-off when it rains or as you water your lawns.

One pound of Phosphates grows 10,000 lbs. of weeds & algae!

- Phosphates do NOT turn your lawn greener. Of the 3 numbers on a bag of fertilizer the middle number is the amount of phosphorus. Using Phosphates is now against Commerce Twp. regulations. Your fertilizing company is required to use a no phosphate products.
- If you water from the lake, you can cut down on the number of fertilizer applications you get a year because you will get lots of nutrients from the lake water.
- Minimize feeding geese and pick-up dog waste from your yard. Animal feces contains aerobic bacteria that also consumes oxygen in the process of decomposition. This also depletes dissolved oxygen from the lake.
- If you have a septic system, please be sure it is working properly. Poorly functioning septic systems can contaminate the ground water with nitrates which has a negative impact on the lake and people.
- When cutting your lawns this summer, try to minimize lawn clippings getting into the lake. They carry fertilizer with them and also decay.
- If landscaping or remodeling, be sure that you have an erosion barrier (black fabric) to minimize soil erosion. Soil erosion increases the amount of suspended solids in the lake. This causes the water to become turbid. Turbid water absorbs the sun's rays and has an increase in temperature. Water temperatures greater than 68°F increase weed growth and promote fish diseases.

Our lakes water quality is the greatest asset we have as property owners at Lake Sherwood. Every effort we make, helps preserve our lake. Have a safe and fun filled summer.

Reference Guide



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Social Happenings

Jody Payne



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for the Annual Kid's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for **Sunday, April 2nd in Kendall Park starting at 3pm.** Our hosts **Ferris Kelley of Sleeth Rd. and Debbie Hieronymus of Driftwood Dr.** are preparing those 1,500 eggs for the kids to hunt in the park and be greeted by the Easter Bunny as well. This is always a great way to kick-off our social season, as we are ready to get outdoors and start enjoying the sunshine. In addition to the three age group egg hunts, there is also the egg-spoon races, and a chance to win prizes in the guessing jars game. Sponsoring this event is **Randy Wilcox of Wilcox Realty Group.** Thank you so much for your support Randy each and every year. Keep an eye out for the weather as a rain date will be Saturday, April 8th.



Perennial Exchange

Sunday, May 21st will be the Annual Perennial Exchange at Kendall Park from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. This is sponsored by **Sue McFarland from ReMax Classic of Milford** who also participates in the event by providing delicious sub sandwiches and tasty beverages for all to enjoy. If you have not had a chance to join us in the past, I highly encourage you to come on down to the park. This is always a fun event for the expert and beginner gardeners. There will be several great garden give-away prizes, and of course the grand prize of a gift card donated by **Boogie Lake Greenhouse** with a value of \$40. So, fill those wagons and wheel barrels with plants and flowers and come on down for an afternoon of socializing and garden tip sharing.



Social Happenings

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SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER:

Neighborhood Garage Sale

The **Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale** will be held on **June 1st, 2nd and 3rd** this year. The posted times will be from **9:00am – 5:30pm** for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. **Martha Klemmer, our Email Manager**, will be creating and printing the **Shoppers Map** that will help those garage sale enthusiasts find your house easier. She will be circulating



these to the houses nearest the entrances, so you can post them up or hand them out. If you would like to be featured on this map, please contact Martha by email at martha@lake-sherwood.org before May 26th. Please title the email '**LSA Garage Sale**' and be sure to include your house address. So, start looking around the house and garage and get those treasures ready to sell.

Boat Poker Run

Get ready for the **6th Annual Boat Poker Run!** Mark on your calendar for **Saturday, June 11th** for this energetic and competitive lake race. This has become one of the most popular social events we have. It sells out each and every year, so be sure to get your entries in early. To participate in this event, you will need to Venmo **\$50 per boat entry to Andrea at @Andrea-VonBehren**. Be sure to include your name and street either in the envelope or in the description of the Venmo payment so Andrea can secure your boat. The captain's meeting is at **2pm sharp on Higgins Island** where you will receive the rules and regulations of the event. **CASH** prizes are awarded to **1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places**. Winners are determined by the best 5-card poker hand of 7 cards that are delt to each boat along the way. The event is limited to only 30 boats, so get those entries in as soon as you can to reserve your spot. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Andrea at 248-563-8930.





January 1, 2023

Dear Lake Sherwood Property Owner,

Dues remain at \$400 this year. These Dues cover the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Your Dues pay for maintenance and improvements to Lake Sherwood as well as the area grounds. The 2023 budget was approved at the October 2022 Annual Membership meeting. The approved Dues for 2023 amount to \$400.00 per lot, the same amount as 2022.

Due date - February 28, 2023. There will be no second notice. **Any Dues not paid by March 30, 2023 will have late charges of \$50 applied.** As per the By-Laws, the LSA Board of Directors reserves the right to file a lien on any property with unpaid Dues and pass the charges on to the member. Further, **ramp access to or from the lake will not be given to any homeowner who has not paid their Dues, has not filled out a Boat Ramp User Agreement** (not required every year, so if already completed, no need to do another one), **and has not provided proof of ownership for all vessels.**

Timing: If you want to use the boat ramp in 2023, you need to pay your Dues beforehand. Please allow at least 2 weeks from the time you make your payment until the payment is fully processed by the Association.

No monies collected at the ramp. Your account will need to be paid in advance to gain access to the lake via the electronic gate at the ramp. Each resident will use their ramp access card that will only be activated once all monies owed LSA are **paid in full.**

Electronic payment option. This year, LSA will again be able to accept electronic payments in two forms, credit card or ACH, through our bank (PNC Bank). A step-by-step process is available by going to <https://www.payerexpress.com/ebp/LakeSherwood/> or go to the Lake Sherwood web page (www.lake-sherwood.org). This option will be available any time 24-7. A convenience fee will be charged. If paying by credit card, the total amount due is \$415. If paying by ACH/electronic transfer, the total amount due is \$403. It is your responsibility to pay the appropriate amount on the secured PNC website and assure funds are available.

Off-water property owners – The A-Lot registration form is attached. Please submit your form to either the LSA PO Box or email it to Linda Gepper at lwgepper@gmail.com. (We do accept these forms electronically)

We appreciate the support of all property owners in the task of maintaining Lake Sherwood’s assets and keeping Lake Sherwood a desirable place to live. Please help the volunteers by paying your Dues timely.

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Presidents Report

Steve Biebel



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are also attempting to utilize a filtering system this year on all 32 or so of the storm drains to help cut back on the algae blooms & discoloration issues. This will require some residents to volunteer to take ownership of the culverts and assist with placement of some specific filtering bags that are replaced at monthly intervals throughout the year. We took these EutroSORB bags for a test drive last year at some particularly troublesome locations and they appeared to improve the water quality in those "test" areas. A quick shout out also to **Tom Hochthanner** and his team who got the augmentation well at the Leafwood A-Lot operational late last year. This should help considerably during dryer times of the year with clean water flow from the north end as it hasn't been functional for several years. There are

also several landscape projects such as finishing up Skier's Island, bolstering the eastern shoreline of Sunset Island to complete the re-hardening of the perimeter and some improvements to a couple of the other A-lots that were deteriorating due to erosion or degradation of previous efforts to bolster them. Finally, there is a wonderful group of volunteers that has offered to begin some maintenance items at Kendall Park to enhance the beauty of this wonderful asset we have in the middle of our Association.

Looking forward to seeing everyone out and about this year and remember "It's only by **LIVING** that you grow old" (Yanni) so let's do some living this year in LSA!!

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Lake Sherwood Resident



Annual Perennial Exchange

Sunday, May 21st from 3 – 4:30pm
Kendall Park (Ledgewood at Stumpwood)



Pull, clip or pot your favorite extra perennials and cart them down to the park to swap them out and chat with your Lake Sherwood neighbors. It will be a great afternoon of sharing gardening tips and exchanging of beautiful, assorted perennials.

We will have a several drawings for **GREAT backyard prizes and a lovely 1st Place Gift Certificate valued at \$40 from Bogie Lake Greenhouse. One entry per household please.** There will be some delicious **snacks and fun beverages**, so please come on out and visit with your green thumb neighbors!

Graciously Sponsored by our very own neighbor,
Susan McFarland of ReMax Classic of Milford

Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 2nd ~ starting at 3pm

In Kendall Park @ (Ledgewood at Stumpwood)

Bring Your Baskets for the Easter Egg Hunts

(3 different age groups)

Join in the Famous Egg-n-Spoon Races and
Take Part in the Guessing Jar Contest.



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Social Happenings

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4th of July Celebration Weekend – June 30th, July 1st and 2nd!

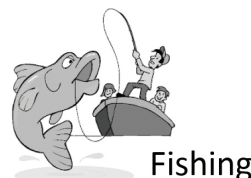
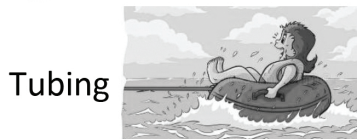
We will start our weekend celebration on **Friday, June 30th** with the traditional Night of Lights Boat Parade starting at **9:30pm** in the east bay's off **Winewood Ln., between Tamwood Ct. and Windwood Ct.** The parade is about a 2-1/2-hour cruise through the canals and out to the main lake. On **Saturday, July 1st** is the highlight of the weekend with a **spectacular fireworks display** launched from **Higgins island around 10pm on the lake.** Be sure to grab and anchor spot and be amazed at the Zambelli Show! And then we wrap it up on **Sunday, July 2nd** with **Music on the Lake from 3:30 – 6pm** between Higgins Island and Commerce Rd. Our band this year will be **Bruno McSorley** who will be sponsored by **Charlie's Still on Main.** Thank you to Gloria and Tom Hughes for hosting this event from their shore! So cruise on over and settle in for some great summer rocking tunes as we finish off a Lake Sherwood summer tradition!



Do Fun Things This Summer!

We are so lucky to live on such a beautiful lake with so many great amenities, so I just wanted to remind you to get out and

Do Fun Things!





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Lake Sherwood A-Lot

Linda Gepper



There are 12 open slips around the lake, which include 3 pontoon slips. Annual Registrations are due. If all your information is the same, you can email me (lwgepper@gmail.com) and I will update your AR.

If you plan to install a lift YOU MUST GET WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE A-LOT DOCK COMMITTEE!

The erosion work at Ravinewood East was done last fall. Spring rains will tell us how well

the repairs will work. The large rocks removed during the project have been placed at the culvert at the Driftwood a-lot to help slow erosion there.

Be sure to check your dock to make sure it is in safe condition. And as always, if you rake the leaves from your slip, you'll have a sandy bottom!

Respectfully submitted, Linda GEPPER, Queen

Community News

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Frequent users will volunteer to monitor the park. Poo bags and a trash can will be provided. Rules will be posted at the entrance.

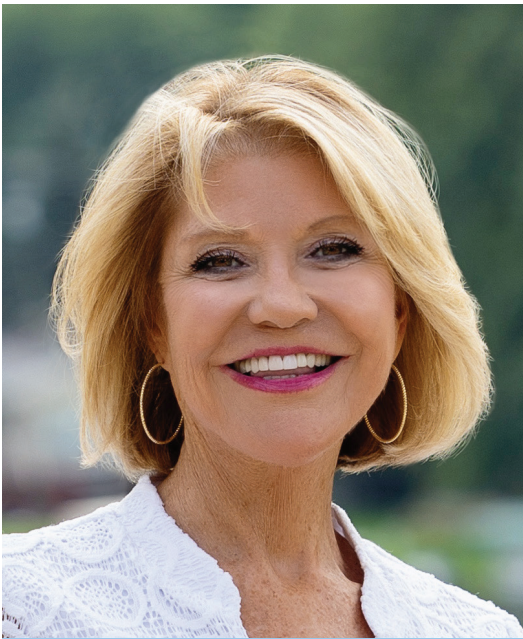
Proposed LSA Dog Park

Our committee has been gathering information and facts regarding private dog parks to bring to the LSA membership. We believe adding a dog park to the other assets at Kendall Park will create a space where neighbors can let their dogs run free. MSU studies have proven that typical issues like noise, waste, and smell are not an issue. Subdivision dog parks generally increase home values.

We met with Paula from the Commerce Township Planning Commission. The Committee wanted to get solid information on local Ordinances & guidelines. Paula confirmed the 50' setback from any residence. Paula then checked with a Commission colleague who confirmed that our plan looked solid and that the Township would not get involved at all since this is a private recreation area within a subdivision. Our plan complies with all Ordinances.

So far, we've been able to get a rough estimate on design, cost of fencing, signage & supplies.

Rene Clark Kersanty



4720 S. Duck Lake Rd., Commerce Twp.
MLS#20230007513 \$299,900
Remarkable Opportunity! 3 B, 2 Full Baths Ranch w/finished basement. Kitchen & dining area w/ access to outdoor deck w/bridge, beautiful waterfall, shed, enclosed spa & huge private backyard!



4038 W. Maple Rd., Wixom
MLS#20230007397 \$300,000
Huge price reduction! Seller wants this property sold! Excellent opportunity in Wixom. Property is currently 9 acres, splits available. Fantastic location. Call Listing Agent Susan McFarland for further information. Sidwell 1731151047 and Sidwell 1731151046 are being sold as one. Sidwell 1731151047 total yearly taxes \$696.36.



1036 Bird Song Ln., Milford Vlg.
MLS#20221065828 \$307,500
Fantastic condo in the Village of Milford! 3bed, 2 full baths. Two bedrooms on main floor! Open kitchen w/dining area. LG family RM w/access to outdoor deck. Enjoy a short walk to downtown Milford!



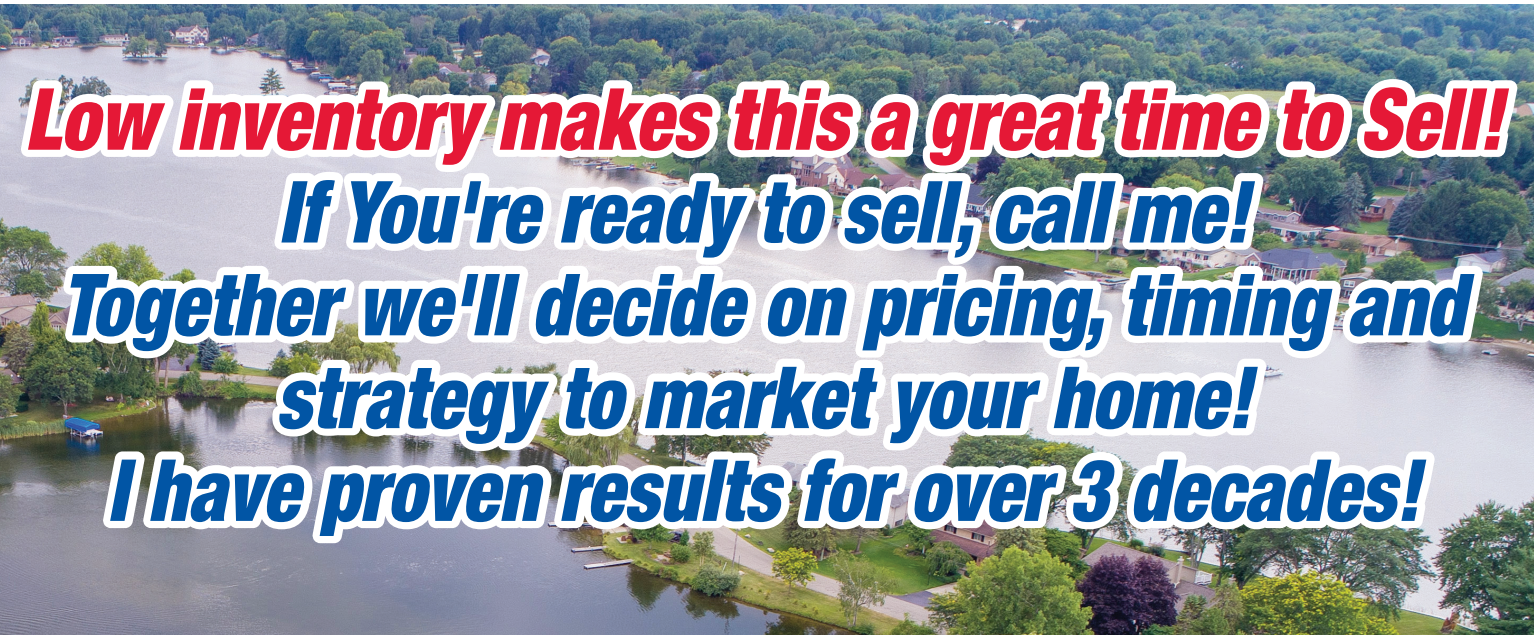
4376 Driftwood Dr., Commerce Twp.
MLS#2220041256 \$699,000
4BR, 3BA home on a gorgeous main lake lot! Outstanding Views! Large GR w/ Fireplace. Spacious kitchen w/breakfast nook. Master BR w/ private bath. 1st FL Laundry. Finished walkout. 2 car garage.



3901 E. Commerce Rd., Commerce Twp.
MLS#2220041414 \$799,900
Stunning lakefront on Lake Sherwood w/ million-dollar views! LG lot w/deck, sea wall & 143 FT of lake frontage! 4BR, 2full baths. Open granite kitchen w/dining area. LG living RM w/ breathtaking lake views.



4707 Ravinewood Dr., Commerce Twp.
MLS#2220020331 \$949,999
Lake Sherwood lakefront home on premium lot w/129 SQ. FT. of lake frontage. Beautifully maintained. 5BR, 4 BA, 3 fireplaces. New flooring throughout the 1st floor. Finished walkout. Lakeside sunroom.



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756 Oakview Ln., Milford Vlg.
MLS#20221066814 \$389,900
Beautiful 4 bed and 2.1 bath home in highly desired Milford Village! Just a short walk to downtown Milford! Many updates. Formal dining & living RMS. Spacious family RM w/ fireplace. Finished lower level.



2929 Tamwood CT., Commerce Twp.
MLS#2220005902 \$999,900
SOLD OVER LIST PRICE! Stunning Contemporary situated on oversized lot w/102SQ. FT. of Lake Sherwood frontage. Multi level decks, 3 docks, sandy beach & covered patio w/bar! 5BR. 4 BA, 3437 SQ. FT. 4 car garage.



3364 Tiquewood, Commerce Twp.
MLS#2220040992 \$899,900
Impeccably kept lakefront home on highly desired Lake Sherwood! 3BR, 3.5 Baths. LG kitchen w/ breakfast nook. Spacious family RM w/fireplace & outstanding lake views! Finished LL walkout w/ rec RM, full bath & plenty of storage.



3749 Gulfwood Dr., Commerce Twp.
MLS#20221017806 \$549,999
Lake Sherwood lakefront home situated on large lot. 2026 D=SQ. FT. Finished basement. Beautiful flooring throughout w/ heated floors in kitchen & bath. 3 season room. Great price!

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Bylaw Revision Project Update

Many things have changed in Lake Sherwood and the world in the 20 years since the Board last reviewed and proposed updates to the Association's bylaws. Electronic communications and payments and Zoom meetings have become commonplace, as has telecommuting. During the height of Covid-19, the Association learned to adopt many new strategies to conduct the business of Lake Sherwood. With Phyllis's well-deserved retirement, the Association installed an electronic gate and security at the boat ramp. In 2022, the Board decided it was time to review the bylaws considering the changes that had taken place.

To that end, 13 Board members volunteered to serve on a new ad hoc Bylaw Revision Committee. The Committee began its work in late 2022, and the Board reviewed the Committee's first set of proposed Bylaw changes for publication in The View at the February 15, 2023, Board meeting. This first set of proposed changes is divided into two sections: Section 1, Proposed Non-Substantive Bylaw Changes, which are not consequential (e.g., typos, formally adopting electronic payment and notice, etc.); and Section 2, Proposed Substantive Bylaw Changes, which includes a new bylaw governing boat ramp operation. The Committee's work continues and it anticipates proposing another set of substantive changes addressing telecommuting, home based businesses and home rentals later in 2023.

Article XII of the Lake Sherwood Association Bylaws requires any proposed amendments to the bylaws to be published in two successive issues of The View prior to holding a vote for their adoption at a General Membership Meeting. **This is the initial View publication of the first set of proposed bylaw changes. They will appear again in the next issue of The View before they are presented to the membership for discussion and a vote at the October Annual Meeting of the membership.** Proposed language deletions are indicated by ~~striking through~~ the current language. Additions to the current bylaws are shown in **bold type**. Explanatory comments from the Bylaw Revision Committee are provided for proposed changes when the context or reason for the change may not be readily apparent.

Section 1. Proposed Non-Substantive Bylaw Changes

Non-substantive changes correct minor errors such as typos, punctuation and spelling. They also update archaic grammar and word choices. Finally, several proposed changes update the bylaws to better reflect the evolution in the Association's administrative practices in recent years.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

2.01 **Purpose**

The purpose for which this Association is formed is as follows:

e. To actively support ~~the Michigan Lake & Stream Associations, Inc.~~ **water conservation** organizations and other lake associations in all matters that will promote the conservation of water quality and supply or serve as a detriment to same.

Comment: Broadens ability to support a wider variety of water quality and conservation organization.

ARTICLE III – TERRITORY

3.01 **Territory**

The territory of the Association includes the Lake Sherwood Subdivision, Lake Sherwood Subdivisions numbered 1 through 16 which include lots numbered 1-72, 73-94, 95-101, 102 -117, 118-130, 131-140, 141-153, 154-167, 168-175, 176-191, 192-210, 211-224, 225-252, 253-275, 276-310, 311-486, 487-522 respectively, Trentwood Subdivisions which includes lots numbered (T) 1-52 and Capri Subdivision lots numbered I 16-20, 48-55 and 65-67. Certain lots which are included in Wildwood River, Wildwood River Subdivision and Lake Sherwood Forest Subdivisions with whom the Association has legal Membership Agreements and certain water frontage ~~Meets Metes~~ **Meets Metes** and Bounds properties are also included in the Association territory. ~~And are generally referred to as Area 20. (AKA Lake Sherwood Area 11)~~

Comment:—LSA has added waterfront metes and bounds properties to the membership in recent years



that are not in Area 20 (AKA Lake Sherwood Area 11), hence the proposed deletion-

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

4.01 Membership

The owner of each property in the Association Territory is a member of the Association as mandated by the property deed and agreed to at the time of property closing. Membership includes the property owner(s), legal spouse and **resident** children.

4.02 Active Member

An active member is a member in good standing by virtue of having paid all current and past dues, fines and assessments. Current dues and assessment shall not be considered as delinquent prior to the expiration of ~~60 days from the date the billing notice is issued~~ **due date stated in the annual dues invoice**. An active member is eligible to vote and hold elective or appointive office in the Association.

Comment: 60 days is not always accurate. Change makes this provision consistent with the language in 7.05, Past Due Billing.

ARTICLE V – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

5.03 Filling Positions

The Directors and Officers, except for the Director who is the immediate Past President, are elected by the Active members **at the Annual meeting and are seated on January 1st** immediately following the Annual meeting ~~held in January~~ **October of the preceding calendar year**. The offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary may be held by the same person. Any vacancy among the Directors or Officers may be filled until the Annual meeting by appointment by a vote of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board.

5.04 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President and the three most recently elected Past Presidents residing in Association Territory. If any of the committee members are

not available to serve, or if it is deemed that the committee should be larger in number, the President may appoint replacement and/or additional committee members from the Active Membership as necessary.

The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination ~~a sufficient number of~~ **enough** candidates to fill all vacancies. More than one candidate may be placed in nomination for the same office. The ticket nominated by such committee shall be reported by publication in the Newsletter or delivered to the members prior to the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any Active Member at the ~~membership~~ **Annual** meeting immediately preceding **the vote at** the Annual meeting provided each such nominee has indicated a willingness to service in the office for which being nominated.

In the event a vacancy occurs among the Directors and Officers prior to the time of the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall solicit candidates to fill such vacancy by publication in the Newsletter or by a notice delivered to the members prior to the next Board meeting. In the case of an Area Representative vacancy, the Nominating Committee shall ~~solicit~~ **give preference** to candidates to fill such vacancy ~~by a notice delivered only~~ to the members residing in the area represented by the vacancy. The Nominating Committee shall provide the Board with a list of candidates to fill the vacancy. More than one candidate may be placed in nomination for the same vacancy. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any Director or Officer at the Board meeting where such appointment is being voted upon, provided each such nominee has indicated a willingness to serve in the vacant office.

Comment: Proposed changes more accurately reflect current LSA process and precedent.

5.05 Ballot

Election of Officers and Directors is by secret printed ballot. The candidate(s) receiving the greatest number of votes for the office(s) to be filled shall be declared elected. ~~The use of sticker candidates is prohibited and any votes for sticker candidates are void.~~

Balloting shall take place at the place of meeting before 8:30 PM on the date of the Annual meeting. It is the duty of the President to see that: a proper polling place is provided to assure the taking of a secret ballot: the Recording Secretary is present with the membership roll; that only qualified members are permitted to vote; printed ballots are provided; all ballots are carefully folded and placed by the voter in a sealed ballot box; the polls are closed promptly ~~at 8:30 PM~~ **90 minutes after the start of the meeting**, and a sufficient number of tellers are appointed to insure honest, impartial and prompt tabulation of votes and to report the election results during the course of the Annual meeting.

If an Active member, otherwise qualified to vote, is unable to appear in person at the polling place during the hours designated for voting, such member may obtain an absentee ballot from the Corresponding Secretary in advance of the election. **The absentee ballot shall be returned to the Corresponding Secretary by personal delivery, or first-class US Mail sent to the official address of the Association, or as otherwise specified in the written instructions approved by the Board of Directors and included with such ballot.** The absentee ballot when marked by the voter must be placed in ~~another~~ a sealed envelope with no writing thereon, which envelope in turn shall be placed in another sealed envelope, which must bear the name and address of the Active member voting. This envelope may then be delivered to the tellers, who shall see that the name appearing on the outer envelope is checked by the Corresponding Secretary against the Active membership roll, to assure that it is the name of a qualified voter. If so, this envelope shall be opened and the plain envelope enclosing the ballot shall then be placed in the sealed ballot box. If the name on the envelope is not that of a qualified voter, the ballot shall immediately be destroyed.

If a tie vote for any office occurs, any nominee involved in such tie vote may request a recount of the votes cast, for which the President shall appoint new tellers who shall recount the votes cast and report their findings. If the recount also results in a tie vote or if no recount is requested, the tie shall be broken by lot.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

1.02 Administration

b. **Records**

When the Secretaries and/or Treasurer leave office, they shall deliver to their successors all monies, books, paper and other property belonging to the Association which may then be in their possession or under their control. In the absence of such successor, they shall deliver all such monies, books, papers, **records (in all formats)** and other property to the President of the Association.

c. **Meeting and Quorum of the Directors**

The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of ~~six~~ **four**-times per year scheduled at regular intervals and at such time and place as the President or the Board may deem advisable. One more than half of the Directors present at meetings ~~or~~ **of** the Board of Directors constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Motions and resolutions coming before the Board of Directors shall require the affirmative vote of majority of Directors present for adoption, except that the President may vote only in the case of a tie.

Comment: The Board can meet more often as it requires or desires. Four is the minimum number of Board meetings per year.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCIAL

7.02 Dues

The dues of the Association members shall be of such amount necessary to meet the business needs and expenses of the Association as determined by the Board of Directors through budgetary development and presented to the membership for approval. The dues amount is applicable to each property (lot) in the Association Territory notwithstanding: (1) the number of properties owned by a single individual or organization, (2) the location of the property or (3) whether such property contains a dwelling. If, however, a property Sidwell number is eliminated due to a change in ~~property description~~ property



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description and combined with a Sidwell Number of an adjoining property so that multiple lots numbers remain within a single Sidwell Number, such property owner shall be responsible for dues and/or assessment as if there was only one lot.

7.04 Annual Billing

Following the annual meeting or approval of the proposed budget by the general membership, whichever is earlier, the Treasurer or such other person as may be directed by the Board of Directors shall prepare and issue an invoice to all Association members specifying the dues and/or assessment for the ensuing Accounting Year and requesting dues and/or assessment payment by the end of a period. The delivery of such invoice will be through whatever means available, including first class mail or by attachment to the Newsletter. **A member may also consent to, and receive, delivery of dues invoices by email or other electronic means by giving written notice to the Association.**

7.05 Past Due Billing

Dues and/or assessment payments are due as described in 7.04. Any member whose dues and/or assessment remains unpaid as of the due date **stated in the invoice** shall be considered delinquent and an Inactive Member of the Association. Such delinquency forfeits the member's right to vote and all other rights and privileges of the Association. Past due billings will be issued ~~subsequent to~~ **after the invoice** due date in such manner as is necessary to collect dues and/or assessment obligations including, but not limited to, first class mail, **email or other electronic communication consented to by that member**, open billing in the Newsletter, at the closing of a property sale, through a collection agency or through the courts. In addition, delinquent members will be charged a late charge if full payment is not ~~received within 90 days from the date the initial invoice is issued~~ **received by the due date stated in the invoice** for the applicable Accounting Year. The amount of late charge will be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the Active Members. The sale of property does not relieve the member of the **personal** obligation to pay dues and/or assessments or any other valid charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

9.01 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the membership of the Association ~~should be~~ **shall be** held in ~~January~~ of each year on the date and at the time and place as specified by the Association President or the Board of Directors. **It is recommended that the annual meeting be held in October each year.** At such meeting, new Directors and Officers will be elected **to serve terms beginning on January 1 of the next calendar year**, reports will be presented by the retiring Directors and Officers and such other business will be transacted as may properly come before the membership. The Treasurer will present the annual financial statement, which will include the Association revenue and expense items from the ~~preceding~~ **forecasted results for the current** accounting year. The Treasurer will also present the budget for the ~~then current accounting budget~~ year **beginning on January 1 of the next calendar year.**

9.02 Membership Meeting

Meetings of the membership, **in addition to the annual meeting**, will be held a minimum of ~~three~~ **once** a year. Recommended months ~~are January~~; for the membership meeting is April ~~and September~~

Comment: There can always be more membership meetings as desired or required. One membership meeting, in addition to the legally required annual meeting, is the proposed minimum, and is consistent with actual practice in recent years.

9.03 Special Meetings

A special meeting of members may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Directors. It is also the duty of the President to call a special meeting whenever requested in writing by ten percent of the then Active members of the Association. A notice of every special meeting, stating the time, place and object thereof, shall be given by first class mail addressed to each Active member or by ~~mailing copies of the~~ **Newsletter** containing a prominent display of such notice

ARTICLE X – RULES, REGULATIONS

10.01 Rules, Regulations and Restrictions

It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish, maintain and/or enforce necessary rules, regulations and deed restrictions designed to promote the welfare and protect the interests of the membership of the Association. Such action(s) will be performed **on behalf of the Board of Directors** by ~~and/or at the direction and control of the Board of Directors through an appropriate Committee network~~ **the Rules and Regulations Committee**. All rules, regulations and deed restrictions are deemed to be included in these By Laws and the membership of the Association shall be bound by their provisions. Violations of published Lake Sherwood deed restrictions or rules and regulations, which are reported to the Rules and Regulations Committee by a Lake Sherwood property owner, will be reviewed and if accepted, enforced by the Rules and Regulations Committee.

10.02 Violations – Notification and Enforcement

b. Should the property owner not correct the violation within ten (10) days or request a meeting with the Committee, a second notice will be issued. Ten (10) days after receipt of the second notice, a fine of no less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000, plus restitution, will be assessed against the violator unless the violation is corrected, or a meeting is requested with the Rules and Regulations Committee. ~~The same procedure will apply when a property owner does not comply with the action and/or time table established at a violations meeting. An additional fine of equal amount will be assessed at the end of each thirty (30) day period following the initial fine that the violation remains uncorrected to a maximum of \$12,000 in any twelve (12) month period.~~

Comment: Redundant language deleted. This subject is covered in 10.03:

d. All unpaid fines will be immediately due and added to the violator's Association ~~dues~~ **account** and will be collected by normal Association procedures. A property owner will not be considered in good standing unless all fines and/or dues are paid.

10.03 ~~Regulations Committee~~ Failure to Resolve Violation Notice Issued Under Section 10.02

The same procedure will apply when a property owner does not comply with the action and/or timetable established **by a violation notice or** at a violation meeting pursuant to Section 10.02. An additional fine of no less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000, plus restitution, will be assessed by the Rules and Regulations Committee, in its sole discretion, at the end of each thirty (30) day period following the initial fine that the violation remains uncorrected to a maximum of \$12,000 in any twelve (12) month period.

10.07 Guest Boats

A guest boat can only be launched at the Boat Ramp with sponsorship and in the company of an Association member in good standing. Guest boats are restricted to a maximum ~~48 hours~~ **two-day (not to exceed two consecutive nights)** access in any 30-day period. Lake access for a guest boat requires approval from the Boat Ramp ~~Manager or Boat Ramp Guard~~ **Committee** at time of launch, subject to rules and procedures established by the ~~Rules & Regulations~~ **Boat Ramp** Committee.

An **active** Association member in good standing may request full season access for a "surrogate" boat for special circumstances (e.g., regular vessel undergoing long term service repairs). For approval of a surrogate boat, the Association member cannot concurrently have a boat on the lake of similar type, unless special approval is obtained through the Rules and Regulation Committee.

The ~~Rules & Regulations~~ **Boat Ramp** Committee is empowered to develop procedural details and nominal fines for rule violations. Rules, procedures and fines will be posted at the Boat Ramp. Fines **established under this section 10.07 by the Boat Ramp Committee for guest boat violations** cannot exceed the amounts outline in Section 10.03 Regulations Committee.

Comment: Boat Ramp Committee provided the proposed changes to this section based on their experience with guest boats and the electronic ramp gate during the 2022 boating season.



ARTICLE XI – OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

11.01 Official Publication

The official publication of the Association shall be **The View as published by the Lake Sherwood Association, Inc., herein referred to as Newsletter. The Newsletter may be published in hard copy and/or digitally. It shall be distributed to all active members by First Class US Mail except for those members who request delivery by email or other electronic means. Request for electronic delivery of the Newsletter shall be made in writing to the Corresponding Secretary pursuant to rules and procedures established by the Corresponding Secretary.**

ARTICLE XVI – INDEMNIFICATION

16.01 Indemnification

The Association will indemnify a person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative and whether formal or informal, other than an action by or in the right of the Association, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was Director, officer, employee, Committee Member, **of any Standing, Operating or Ad Hoc Committee established pursuant to Article VIII**, member of the Architectural Control Committee or agent of the Association, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgements, penalties, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit or proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association or its members, and with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, if the person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of an action, suit or proceeding by judgement, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, does not, of itself, create presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association or its members, and, with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, had a reasonable cause

to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

And, the Association will indemnify a person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgement in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, Officer, employee, Committee Member, member of the Architectural Control Committee or agent of the Association, against expenses, including attorneys' fees and amounts paid in settlement actually or reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the action or suit, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association or its members.

If the person has been found liable to the Association, his or her indemnification is limited to reasonable expenses incurred.

ARTICLE XVIII – FORECLOSURE

A foreclosure proceeding may be commenced **by the Board of Directors of the Association** upon recordation and service of notice of lien in accordance with the following:

- A. Notice of lien shall set forth: (i) the legal description of the property to which the lien attaches; (ii) the name of the owner of record of the property; (iii) the amounts due the Association at the date of the notice, exclusive of interest, costs, attorney fees and future assessments.
- B. The notice of lien shall be in recordable form, executed by an authorized representative of the Association and may contain other information as the Association may deem appropriate.
- C. The notice of lien shall be recorded in the office of register of deeds for Oakland County and shall be served upon the delinquent member who owns the property by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known address of the member at least 10 days in advance of commencement of the foreclosure proceeding.
- D. An action to recover money judgments for unpaid dues, fines and assessments may be maintained without foreclosing or waiving the lien.
- E. An action for money damages and foreclosure may be combined in one action.

Section 2. Proposed Substantive Changes

Substantive changes make a meaningful, or important, modification or addition to the current Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI –DUTIES OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

6.01 Duties of the Directors and Officers

a. Treasurer

The Treasurer keeps account of all monies received by and expended for the use of the Association and makes disbursements only as authorized by the Board of Directors. **The Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Directors, may designate one or more members in good standing to serve as an assistant treasurer and to perform such duties of the Treasurer as approved by the Board of Directors.** During the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer, the President, **a duly appointed assistant treasurer**, or any other one of the Officers, may be authorized by the Board of Directors to receive monies, issue checks or perform such other of the Treasurer's duties as may become necessary. The Treasurer shall be required to furnish a bond in such sum as the Board of Directors may deem advisable and the cost of such bond shall be paid out of the funds of the Association.

Comment: Formalizes the role of assistant treasurer in the bylaws. Sharon Sarkisian currently performs in this capacity with Board approval.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCIAL

7.09 Budget

A budget including individual dues and fund balances shall be prepared for each Accounting Year and presented to the membership for approval. Proposed dues increases shall be published in the Newsletter prior to a General Membership Meeting. A majority vote of the Active members present is necessary to adopt or amend the proposed budget. If following approval, unbudgeted expenses arise, such expenses will be presented to the membership for approval

each time either of the following situations occurs: (i) the unbudgeted expense for any one specific budget category exceeds the amount of the approved budget for that category for the then current Accounting Year by more than \$3,000; or (ii) ~~the total of the unbudgeted expenses in all budget categories is equal to (or greater than) 10% of the overall approved budget for the then current Accounting Year.~~

Comment: The \$3000 cap on unbudgeted expenses **per budget category** produces undesirable constraints for larger budget categories. Also, this amount hasn't been increased in over 35 years. After much discussion, the Bylaw Revision Committee recommends deleting the \$3,000 per category cap and keeping in place the unbudgeted expense cap of 10% of the overall approved budget.

10.08 Boat Ramp (PROPOSED NEW SECTION)

- a. **The Boat Ramp Committee is established and authorized by the Board to administer and manage boat ramp access. Access is only granted to active members in good standing, as defined in Section 4.02, and requires submission of a signed Boat Ramp User Agreement and proof of ownership for all vessels. In addition, Lake Sherwood boat ramp users must inform the Boat Ramp Committee of any change in fleet (sold or purchased boats), for which the User Agreement will be amended for the updated fleet composition.**
- b. **Each Lake Sherwood active member is allowed to apply for one access card. The card remains the property of the Association and is issued for the sole use of the assigned active member and is not to be shared with anyone else, except as authorized pursuant to boat ramp use rules developed by the Boat Ramp Committee. The Association may charge a fee for lost card or use of the card inconsistent with this Section 10.08 or the published rules of the Boat Ramp Committee.**
- c. **Each Boat Ramp user is responsible to confirm secure closure of gate after each**



use. In the event of gate malfunction and/or ramp facility damage, the user shall use their best efforts to contact a member of Boat Ramp Committee to support continued lake access security. The user assumes the risk of ~~potential~~ any and all boat ramp area hazards (e.g., slippery ramp) and is personally responsible for their safe use of the Boat Ramp.

- d. The Boat Ramp User Agreement will be renewed automatically each year unless terminated as a result of a breach of the Boat Ramp User Agreement. Automatic renewal also requires the user to continue to be an active member in good standing and proven active member ownership of watercraft(s).
- e. The Boat Ramp User Agreement and access card assignment will terminate immediately on the date the user no longer owns property in Association Territory as defined in Article III. The access card will be deactivated on that date, and the user must return the access card to the Association.
- f. Improper use of the access card, or violation of the boat ramp use rules published by the Boat Ramp Committee, may result in fines and/or suspended boat ramp access. The duration of a suspension and assessment

of any fine will be determined by the Boat Ramp Committee and/or Rules & Regulations Committee. Improper use of the access card includes but is not limited to: (a) letting a watercraft ~~(not registered to the User)~~ to gain access to the boat ramp, whether intentional or not; (b) leaving the gate open; or (c) any user damage/vandalism to the electric gate system (e.g., disabling/impairing the security cameras, system hacking, impeding the automatic gate closure).

- g. Failure to adhere to the requirements of this Section 10.08 may result in a loss of Association privileges ~~(including, but not limited to, boat ramp privileges as defined herein)~~ and/or assessment of fines as outlined in Section 10.02, Violations – Notification and Enforcement, and Section 10.03, Regulations Committee.

Comment: This is a NEW BYLAW SECTION proposed by the Boat Ramp Committee to facilitate and support operation of the electronic gate and issuance of key cards by the Boat Ramp Committee. It is similar in form and intent to 10.06, A-Lot Docks, which facilitates and governs the use of A-Lot boat slips by LSA active members. It has been reviewed by the Bylaw Revision Committee and the Board and its adoption is supported by both.

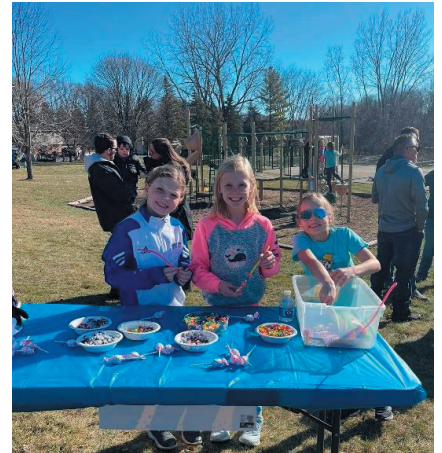
Changes to the Bylaws Will be presented to members At the Annual General Membership Meeting In October



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Treasurer's Report

Paul MacDonald



2023 YTD Results and 2022 Annual Results

	2023 YTD thru 3/3/23 Results	2023 Approved Budget	Positive (Negative) Variance	2022 Full year Results
Revenues:				
Current Year Dues	\$204,092	\$249,000	(\$44,908)	\$250,122
Prior Year Dues	-	1,350	(1,350)	533
Advertising for VIEW	-	12,000	(12,000)	12,976
Interest Income (less bank fees)	-	180	(180)	29
Total Revenues	\$204,092	\$262,530	(\$58,438)	\$263,660
Expenses:				
Lakes Committee - Weed Control	\$0	\$108,500	} 126,648	\$82,620
Lakes Committee - Ramp	0	6,200		63
Lakes Committee-(water testing, fish stocking, etc)	74	12,022		123,418
Ongoing Grounds Maintenance	440	37,562	37,122	45,152
Beautification Committee	0	2,101	2,101	3,981
Newsletter/Communication Costs	396	20,244	19,848	15,923
Fireworks	12,000	24,550	12,550	22,050
Social	0	3,125	3,125	3,358
Insurance & Legal	0	7,670	7,670	7,358
Dock Expense (Ramp & Islands)	0	10,000	10,000	1,200
Utilities - Street Lights	16	2,500	2,484	2,435
Pontoon expenses	0	650	650	758
Storage Unit Rental	0	1,000	1,000	960
Supplies, billing & collection, office	118	1,715	1,597	2,934
Total Expenses	\$13,044	\$237,839	\$224,795	\$312,211
Net Income (Loss)	\$191,048	\$24,691	\$166,357	(\$48,550)

*** 2023 Financial Notes:

- The DUES INVOICE & SURVEY HAVE BEEN MAILED AND ARE NOW DUE! (also in this VIEW) Please be sure your \$400 is paid timely. Be mindful that if you are paying electronically that you also pay the applicable fee in addition to your Dues.
- To date, we have collected approximately 82% of the Dues amount. Keep it coming!!
- As mentioned in prior correspondence, the due date before the \$50 late fee is applied, is March 30, 2023
- Also of note, you won't have access to use the boat ramp if your Dues are not paid. PLEASE allow ample time for the Ramp Committee to process your payment and get your ramp access activated.
- Because we are so seasonal, we have not spent a great deal of money towards the 2023 expense items.
- Several different committees have been meeting and generating their game-plans for the year. Looking forward to implementing and having a great Summer.

*** 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. This line will also be used for the EutroSORB bags discussed in the President's report.
 - 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 currently have unencumbered cash of approximately \$586,000 at 3/03/23, heading into the spending season.

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



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1. Name
2. Address
3. Number of boats

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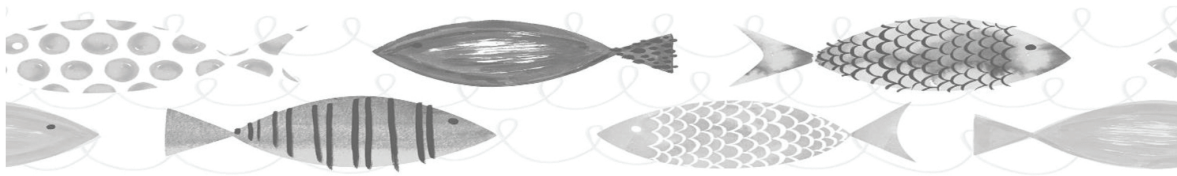
Save the Date!



3rd Annual Anchors Down, Bottoms Up! Saturday, August 5th in the Ravinewood/Windwood Bay. Mr. Moody Band playing from 1-4pm on Katzman's point.



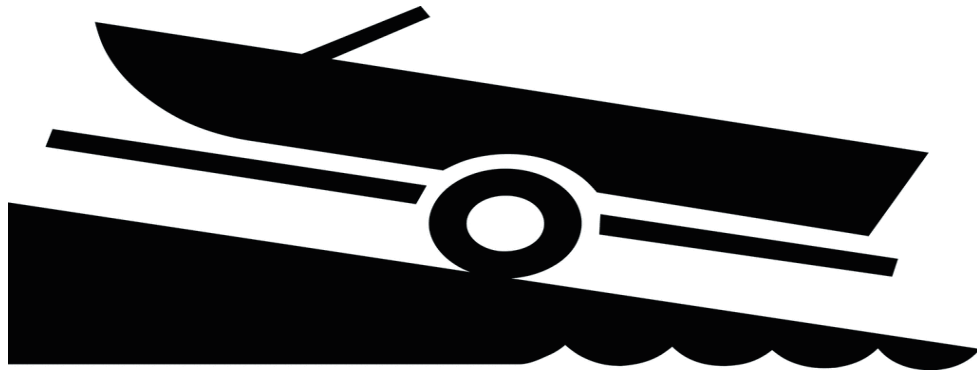
20th Annual Fishing Tournament! Sunday, August 6th from 7am – 11am everywhere on the lake! Prizes and awards given on Higgins Island following the fishing. Sign-up on Higgin's Island on the day of the tournament.



4th Annual Boat Bash! Saturday, September 16th from 3-5pm down at the South end of the lake near U-Turn Island with music ready for boat dancing!



Lake Sherwood Boat Ramp



Hours of Operation

April:	8:00AM — 8:00PM
May:	8:00AM — 8:00PM
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July:	8:00AM — 9:00PM
August:	8:00AM — 8:00PM
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November:	8:00AM — 5:00PM

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Gary Koch	248.982.6402
Dan Devine	248.255.7207
Tom Hochthanner	248.305.0357
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Jim Oakley	313.819.3535
Tim Smith	248.870.2828

2023 Reminders

Always check the bulletin board for any new announcements or notices about the ramp.

Allow two weeks for your dues payment to be processed until your access card is activated.

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 concerns on how to use the boat ramp, feel free to contact a committee member listed above to walk through the process or to plan a time to meet at the ramp to assist.

If you have problems while using the gate, please speak with any of the Points of Contact listed above right away.

Fishing Report

Dan Devine



Quick Tip

Like so many things, the price of fertilizing your lawn has increased greatly in the last two years. As I was considering looking for a better price, or quitting all together I was informed by my applicator that I could reduce the annual cost substantially by eliminating several applications. This is a win for the lake and a win for my pocket book. Something to consider.

Fishing

Well the question of the season while out on the ice was, "is this first ice or last ice we're fishing?" The answer was, "both!" What a weird weather winter we experienced. For the few days we were out we found some excellent crappies, some nice bass, several beautiful walleyes, many small perch and very few keeper size bluegills. This lack of decent sized bluegills remains concerning. My view is that the lack of weed cover makes bluegills especially vulnerable to predation by bass, pike and walleyes. Hopefully, a few of you were also able to get out there and find a few fish.



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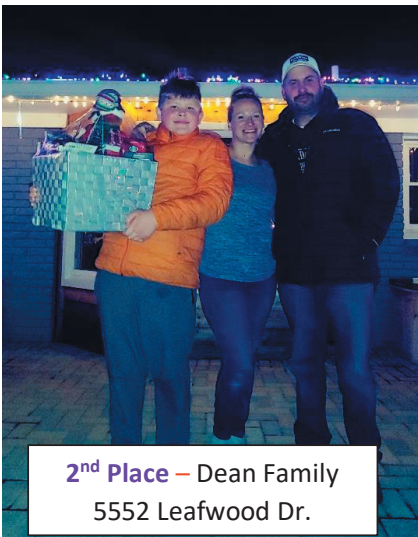


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2023 Spring Calendar of Events

MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 SPRING FORWARD Daylight Saving Time	13	14	15	16	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18
19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23 KABADAN	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
2 Easter Egg Hunt	3	4	5	6 HAPPY PASSOVER	7 ECCLESIASTES DAY	8
9 HAPPY EASTER	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 tax time!	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23	24	25	26 Happy Administrative Professionals Day	27	28 Arbor Day Plant one	29



MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco Mayo	6 HAPPY NURSES DAY
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Happy Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 ARMED FORCES DAY
21 Perennial Exchange	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			



2023 Dues Letter Survey
Lake Sherwood Association

1. BOAT RAMP - Are there any aspects of the new electronic boat ramp access/security system that you like/dislike?
 - Expanded hours of operation (Too Long/Too Short/Just Right) _____
 - Level of security (Like/Dislike) _____
 - Level of safety to prevent premature closing (Like/Dislike) _____
 - Level of communication/signage (Too much/Too Little/About Right) _____
 - Open comments relative to "likes" _____
 - Open comments relative to "dislikes" _____

2. DOG PARK - A **potential** dog park is being considered in Kendall Park. If constructed:
 - Do you have a dog? (Y/N) _____
 - If yes, would you use the dog park? (Y/N/Maybe) _____
 - If yes, would you walk or need to drive your dog to the park? (Walk/Drive) _____
 - How often would you use the dog park? (Daily/Weekly/Infrequently/Never) _____
 - If you have a dog, but would not use the dog park, why not? _____
 - If in favor, would you assist in it's ongoing maintenance / operations? (Y/N) _____
 - Open comments relative to the **potential** dog park _____

3. ISLAND SHADE - Three dying trees were removed from U-Turn Island and Skier's Island. Some shade trees remain on U-Turn Island.
 - Do you support efforts to restore shade on Skier's Island? (Y/N/Maybe) _____
 - If Yes/Maybe, do you have a preference for a "no maintenance" gazebo (with floor), pergola (no floor) or another tree, other? (Gazebo/Pergola/Tree) _____

4. GOOSE FECES - Despite annual efforts to minimize the Canada goose population, goose feces continue to blight LSA's main recreational islands (U-Turn, Skier's and Higgin's). The planting of ~2 foot high vegetation around the periphery (<6 foot wide) of the islands may dissuade the geese from the islands. Such an endeavor would begin with a test effort at the smallest island (Castaway... single pine tree; mid-way near the Driftwood shore).
 - Do you support adding vegetation to Castaway Island as a pilot? (Y/N) _____

5. WEBSITE - LSA launched a new website in 2022.
 - Have you accessed the website? (Y/N) _____
 - If yes, was information easy to find? (Y/N) _____
 - Were forms easy to find and fill-out? (Y/N) _____
 - Open comments relative to the new website _____

6. WATER QUALITY
 - We've had varying opinions, issues & concerns about the quality of the lake water. There are several people that have been, and are continuing to work on future steps. Would you be willing to attend a Special Meeting on the topic to learn more about what options are available, and what each resident can / should do to maintain a healthy lake?
(Y/N comments) _____
 - Open comments relative to quality of our lake waters _____

7. OTHER – Any other comments _____



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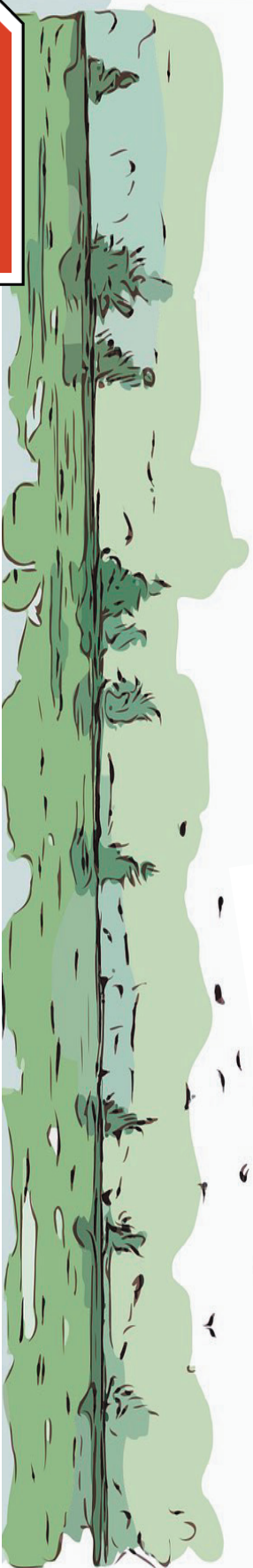
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