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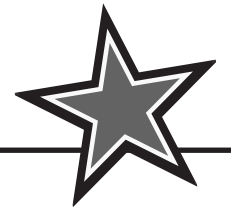
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Presidents Report

Steve Biebel



A brisk & hearty hello to all the LSA residents as we move into the Winter season here in the neighborhood, and also welcome to our new residents! It's always a great time to be a Member in the Association as many projects are being completed (or are ongoing) to enhance our lifestyle here in Lake Sherwood. I will offer a suggestion that everyone look at the "Who We Are" section of our Website. It can be found under the "About Us" tab on the front of the website, and I believe this captures the essence of the Lake Sherwood Homeowners Association and also gives insight into what motivates everyone to continue contributing, collaborating and putting forth the social & physical effort that makes our neighborhood so desirable. I believe our Board as a whole embraces these values & principles in every decision we make.

The recent Annual Membership meeting back in October was well attended and many subjects were discussed & shared with the Membership. The Budget was approved for 2024 with dues holding steady @ \$400, new Area Reps have been elected in Areas 2 & 6, updated By Laws were approved (more to come), and several projects have advanced into the "active" phase to improve Lake Quality and care of the Association Property. The Wildwood Canal project has moved forward slightly

with more testing done for EGLE and 2 devices were installed this season at the head of the canal for performance evaluation to limit organic accumulation at one of the main sources. The Kendall Park Preservation Committee conducted several improvements/ upgrades this year, and more are in the works with input from the residents, and their 5 year plan is submitted. Skier's Island has been reseeded, two new trees have been planted, and other improvements are being implemented and tested (goose control, wave deflector, and landscaping improvements) to further improve/restore the Island. Lake Quality has a new Committee that is taking a critical look at the water with multiple approaches & analysis that I believe will provide a significant benefit to the waters moving forward. There are many other projects and improvements ongoing and diligence by our wonderful volunteers is acknowledged and appreciated to keep things moving in the right direction. I cannot stress enough how important the Volunteers are in the Association to continue care & maintenance of the Association's assets, and the more that get involved the more TLC the Association as a whole benefits from the cumulative efforts.

With the extraordinary weather events of late summer adding a significant amount of water to the

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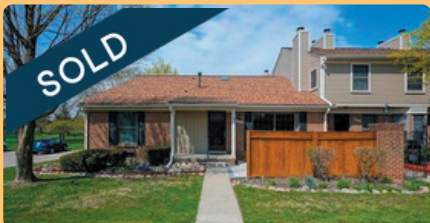
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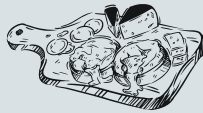
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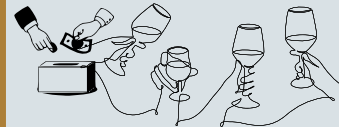
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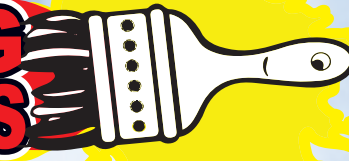
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Water Quality

The 2022 Dues Survey says: “We the residents of Lake Sherwood care deeply about the health of our lake”. In fact, water quality was the number one priority of residents. As a result, a new committee consisting of 10 residents was formed to address this issue.

Members include: **Dan Devine, TJ Gurski, Bill Kevelin, Carolyn Kevelin, Jeff Mauer, Julie Race, Mike Schwartz, Leslie Thomas, Linda Tucker, and Carol Wilkop.**

Before the committee was formed, there were many efforts already underway to address lake water improvements including:

- Two different versions of muck eating apparatus installed near the Wildwood River entrance
- Permitting and hopeful dredging of the Wildwood River entrance
- Installation of 34 EutroSorb bags in the culverts around the lake
- Sponsorship of mandatory septic tank/field inspections upon the sale of a residence in Commerce Township
- Dr. Jude’s scientific collection and assessment of lake samples
- Working with Huron Valley School Board to address the run-off coming from Oak Valley and the lack of natural filtering and a retention basin
- Working with municipal and county representatives to address aging storm drain infrastructure
- Working with developers north of the lake to reduce run-off.

Many great volunteers are spearheading these efforts and collectively they will gradually improve our water quality.

Many residents are grateful for these efforts but ask what they can do individually to assist. The Water Quality Committee will have a dedicated page in this View and subsequent issues where we will pick a topic and provide some details. You will find the first of these articles later in this issue of The View.





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Social Happenings

Jody Payne



2023 Winter Social Happenings

Holiday Outdoor Lighting Contest



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 14TH** for this year's **Holiday Outdoor Lighting Contest**. Judging will take place from **6 – 9:30 pm** on that night, with awards and gift baskets for **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners!** Not only do you get a basket of goodies for placing, but you will also get a **beautiful hand-crafted wooden temporary lawn sign** to show off to the neighbors. These were made **over 25 years ago** by one of our very own neighbors and they are my favorite prize to award winners! So, start planning where the candy canes lights, glowing snowman and prancing reindeer will go. **Happy Holidays!**

Christmas Party

We are bringing back the Lake Sherwood Christmas Party! On **Friday, December 15th** from 7-11pm at **Beacon Hill**, it will be **adults only and will be \$25 per person**. Be sure to bring your appetite and dancing shoes to rock along with music provided by our very own **neighbors band, Mr. Moody of Inverrary Ln**. This will be a great night of visiting with your neighbors, dancing and celebrating the Christmas Holiday season! Sponsoring this event is **Cheryl Mueller** Real Estate/eXp who is also our neighbor on **Driftwood**. There will be light appetizers and a cash bar so mark your calendars and to reserve your spot you can **Venmo Cheryl at Cheryl-Mueller-7**.



2024 Winter Carnival

We will be picking a date in **January or February of 2024** and will be sure to share through the **Martha emails and Facebook channels**. The 2022 event was moved to Kendall Park due to lack of snow and a frozen lake, but that did not stop the neighbors from coming out to make the most of the day! If we can have it on the lake, it will be in the **Ledgewood A-lot**. We will be featuring an ice fishing contest, putt-putt ice golf, curling, hockey, and ice skating. Feel free to bring a crockpot of a delicious winter snack, hot cocoa and anything else you would like to share. Our neighborhood sponsor and host of this event is **Cheryl Yakuber Mueller of Driftwood Dr. and of the Luxe Group eXp Reality**. Thank you Cheryl, for taking the lead on this.



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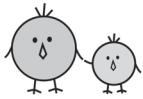
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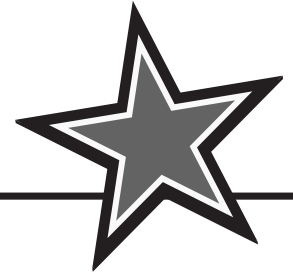
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Presidents Report

Steve Biebel



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lake, a request was sent out to limit wave action on the entire lake to limit shoreline damage. The response was equally extraordinary, and the cooperation was heartwarming and also shows how much the residents care about each other's property. While we never want to limit the amount of recreation the residents can enjoy on the water, these levels were unprecedented, and with the elevated potential for damage, the response after the request was also remarkable. This also goes back to the "Who We Are" values & principles that were exhibited. A big THANK YOU again to everyone!!

As this is my last letter as President, I also wanted to thank everyone on the Board for their support & cooperation, as managing the Association's affairs is not a one-person job.

The entire Board knows my favorite saying, "we're all Presidents", and that applies to all of our residents as well. Each member of the E Board, as well as the Area Reps & Committee Heads, has an area of responsibility that is critical in managing the Association, and those efforts should not go unnoticed. It was a privilege to lead for the last two years and the support from everyone is something I will not soon forget.

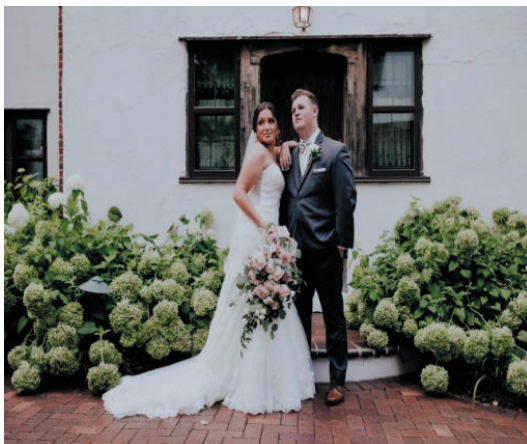
As the seasons change and we move into a new year I look forward to seeing and continuing to work with all the members that make the Lake Sherwood Homeowner's Association such a wonderful place to live. I cannot imagine a neighborhood without all of you!

Steve

Community News

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Kaylee Roberts of Driftwood Drive and **Eric Reiter** of Highland were married on September 9, 2023, at a beautiful garden ceremony officiated by the groom's uncle, Tom Lock. An elegant reception followed inside the Addison Oaks Buhl Estate in Leonard, Michigan. The couple enjoyed an adventurous honeymoon in Bali, Indonesia. Kaylee is the daughter of **Bob** and **Karry Roberts** of Driftwood Drive and Eric is the son of DJ and Julie Reiter of Highland. Both are graduates of Grand Valley State University where they met. Both also graduated from Lakeland High School but didn't know each other yet! They currently reside in Howell.

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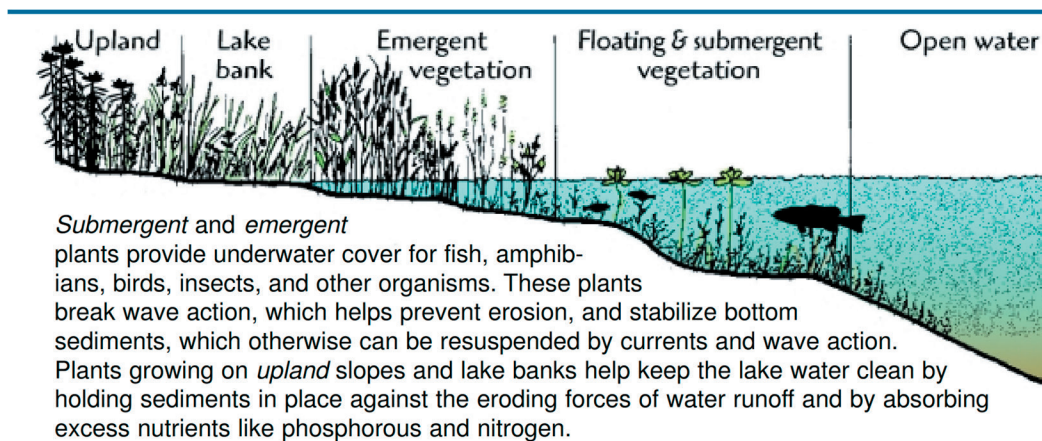
Water Quality - Natural Shoreline Vegetation

In each issue of The View, the Water Quality Committee will address different topics that residents can pursue to help improve the water quality of our lake. For our first topic, let's look at natural shoreline vegetation.

For those that attended the fall General Membership Meeting, you heard T. J. Gurski mention the importance of natural shoreline vegetation. Natural vegetation is comprised of native plants that typically have extensive root systems which help hold the soil in place better than non-native plants such as turf lawn. Natural shoreline vegetation slows down water runoff from a sloping yard or landscape to allow pollutants such as sediments, contaminants and fertilizer to be absorbed before they reach the water. Keeping these nutrients from the water also helps keep the water clear of algae. Natural shoreline vegetation provides key habitat for wildlife too.

Shoreland Stewards Program sponsored by Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership is an organization that recognizes the importance of a shoreline containing native plantings. Overdeveloped lakeshores have a difficult time supporting fish, wildlife or CLEAN water. A large waterfront lawn with few trees, shrubs, wildflowers, aquatic plants or logs is a perfect invitation for geese and the mess they leave behind. The Shoreland Stewards Survey is a tool lakefront property owners can use to assess their own property to see if they are contributing to a healthy lake or if their property is a detriment. A high score on the survey indicates a healthy shoreline. A low score indicates your property could use some improvements. The site gives information and suggestions on what you can do to improve your property and, in turn, improve the health of our lake.

The Water Quality Committee recommends that residents take the survey found at mishorelandstewards.org/rate.asp. Additionally, the website shorelinepartnership.org is a wealth of information on creating and maintaining healthy shorelines. Please give this some thought and start planning your buffer zone plantings for next spring to help ensure a healthy lake for years to come!



2023 Chili Cook-off Winners!

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Attendance- 58 households represented in attendance.

President- Steve Biebel called the meeting to order at 6:45. We have an official quorum.

- Tim and Amy Carpenter introduced themselves as new members.
- Approval of July General Membership Meeting minutes, Brad Hynes made motion to approve minutes as written, 2nd by Dave Von Behren, minutes adopted.
- Introduction of those on the ballot.

Vice President- Jody Payne

- Thanked and acknowledged those who volunteer, and said we are always looking for more volunteers.

Treasurer- Paul MacDonald

- The Board recommends keeping the dues at \$400 per residence. There will be approximately \$400,000 in cash reserves at the end of 2023. Brad Hynes made a motion to approve the presented budget and to hold the dues \$400 for 2024. Andy Sarkisian 2nd. Motion approved.
- Budget- still some unknown bills for 2023 and committees are working on their projects and forecast.
- Beautification committee has an overrun in the "trees" line of the budget due to a couple large storms. Andy Sarkisian made a motion to add \$4,000.00 to the 2023 budget for ongoing grounds maintenance. Brad Hynes 2nd. Motion passed.

Recording Secretary Diane DeVincent had no report at this time.

Corresponding Secretary Thea Vagiates is looking for ideas for the View publication from all members.

Ballot Results - Todd Wood announced that all listed on the ballot unopposed won their positions. Mike Krafchak won for Area 2.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Wildwood Canal- Gary Koch

- 2 different kinds of pods were added in the canal to test for a long-term solution to reduce muck buildup. Will hope to have results for comparison in the Summer of 2024.
- Dredging- took 12 samples last fall, 8 out of 12 are over the contaminants limit. EGLE wants 8 more testing samples with a different analysis. Still waiting for an approval by the State for dredging.

By-Laws- Kathy Sawicki

- Phase 1 of the By-Law updates to be voted upon. They haven't been updated in 20 years. The original By-laws were adopted in 1987. Karen Adams made a motion that the By-Law amendments as printed in the View be adopted. Dan Devine 2nd. Motion passed.

Standing Committees:

Water Boat Safety Nick Polcyn

- We had a good year with no accidents. There are safety classes online. Any motorized boat operator born after June 30th, 1996, is required by law to pass a boater safety course and to carry a boater education card. In addition, boater education is also required for all PWC operators born after December 3, 1978.
- Buoys are planned to be pulled out on October 14th.
- Mooring buoys are not encouraged as they can be a navigational hazard.
- Surfboat patterns are being monitored for safety.

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- Wakes- look behind your boat to monitor what kind of wake your boat is making while traveling in the canals and slow down if necessary.

Water Quality- TJ Gurski and Dan Devine

- They have started a committee with 10 members to evaluate ways to improve our water quality. They broke up the tasks amongst the members, i.e., historical data, Secchi disk readings, satellite imaging comparisons, government agencies- large watershed and the impact on the lake, comparisons to other shallow lakes, and Eutrosorb bags.
- "Score the Shore"- encouraging homeowners to make a natural, native planting garden to buffer along the lake shore.
- Make a dedicated page in the View that would offer informational suggestions for homeowners to improve water quality.

Boat Ramp- Todd Wood

- Boat ramp is running smoothly overall. There were definitely issues, but they are being worked through.
- Residents asked to make sure you close the gate after using the ramp (this includes 3rd party haulers).
- The Ramp will be open till mid-November. Remember, the water level will drop 18" in early November, so use caution.
- If you get a new boat or sell a boat, make sure to notify the committee of the changes.

Beautification/ Lawn Care- Karen Adams

- There will be plantings done on Ledgewood in the fall.
- Weather conditions will warrant that Lawn Care goes till mid-November.
- Cul de sacs will get some weeding services.

Trees and Fences- Kathy Sawicki

- Let her know if you see problems with trees either on land or in the water that are navigation hazards.

Architectural Committee- Tom Hughes

- Township ordinance- no unattached structures will be allowed between the house and the lake.
- Submit any changes in exterior to the Architectural Committee for review.

A-Lot- Steve Biebel reported for Linda Gepper

- Completed site surveys of all A-lots have allowed for the addition of 5 more large slips this year. There are 5 pontoons slips and 12 regulars slips open at this time. Vacancy map can be viewed on the website.

Waterfowl- Andy Sarkisian

- Have not had a goose roundup in 2 years due to Avian Flu restrictions. Have approval to start nest destruction sooner for next Spring.

Fish Management- Dan Devine

- There will be a fish stocking event with walleye (5" to 7") & Golden Shiners on 10/28/23 @ 11AM..
- Muskrat eradication by Trapper John in November. Let Dan know if you have them on your shoreline.
- Ice fishers need to have a pass to park in the A-Lot parking areas.

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Island Committee- Andy Sarkisian

- Skier's Island was reseeded, and U-Turn Island had some bare spots seeded. Two new red maple trees were planted on Skier's Island.
- Docks on the islands will be removed on October 18th. One dock will remain on Higgins Island as a test to see if any ice damage occurs. May be able to leave them in the water in the future to save money.

Website- Rick Kirchner

- There is a lot of information on the website. The website is an official communication method along with Martha Klemmer's emails. The LSA Facebook page is not an official means of communication of the Association.

Kendall Park Preservation- Anna Thompson

- This is a new group of volunteers dedicated to maintaining and improving the park. They pulled weeds and mulched the play area, along with fixing things needing repair. They have proposed a preliminary 5-year plan they hope to follow. Ideas and volunteers are welcome.

Dam and Well Pump- Andy Sarkisian

- Record rainfall brought the water level 13" above the normal level, volunteers worked to lower the lake as fast as possible.
- The dam will have the boards pulled in late October to lower the lake to minimize ice damage to seawalls and allow for shoreline cleanup.
- The well at Leafwood has been fixed and is working now.

Social Committee-Jody Payne

- The following activities are scheduled: Chili Cookoff and Beer Tasting-October 7 at 2:00. Kids Halloween Party October 15th from 1-3. Halloween decorating contest on October 26th. Holiday decorating contest on December 14th from 6:30-9:00. Christmas Party at Beacon Hill December 15th from 6:00-9:00. Fourth of July fireworks are scheduled for July 6th in 2024.

Old /New Business

A tribute was acknowledged in honor of long-time member and manager of the boat ramp, Harry Tucker who recently passed. Also mentioned were the recent losses of Jack Kline and Phylis Tracey who also were instrumental with the ramp management. Commemorative bricks in their honor are installed at the ramp. Thanks were given to Karen Adams, for her years of service as Area 6 Representative, and also to Jim Oakley leaving as Area 2 Representative.

Thanks also to Steve Biebel as he finishes up his tenure as President of the Association.

Motion to adjourn made by Rick Kirchner, 2nd by Brandon Leslie at 8:58 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane DeVincent, Recording Secretary

2024 Save the Date



**Kid's Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday,
March 23rd in Kendall Park @ 3pm (rain date is 3/24)**

**Perennial Exchange – Sunday, May 19th in Kendall
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2023 Halloween Decorating Winners



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The Petersen Family on Inverrary Ln



Fishing Report

Dan Devine



Another year of open water fishing on Lake Sherwood draws to a close. There are many of us out there who have quietly enjoyed an early morning or evening casting the shoreline hoping to catch a fish or two.

The fishing continues to evolve. I hear quite a few reports that people are not catching as many fish as they used to. I would agree. Why is this? With so few weeds, it is more difficult to find fish. They are not localized. They are in one location today and gone tomorrow. It can take time to locate those schools of fish, but I would say, keep at it. Keep moving, try different presentations because often when you find them, it can be a real bonanza.

Additionally, I believe the lake is being fished harder and by better fishermen than in the past, making it more difficult for the casual angler to be successful.

Observations:

- Many clouds of newly born fish observed in the spring
- Lots of very healthy bass. More 16" - 18" fish than in past years.
- Small pike numbers substantially down
- Several trophy pike over 40" reported
- Very few keeper size bluegills
- Walleyes continue to be caught in limited numbers with several over 25" fish reported
- There are some huge crappie but they can be elusive
- Compared to other local lakes, Lake Sherwood is still a great fishery

As always, let me know your thoughts.
Dan Devine 248 255-7207

Fish Stocking:

We had lots of participation and help carrying buckets of fish to the lake on October 28. The kids seem to have a great time and the parents too. This year we put in 847 5 - 7" walleyes and 10 lbs of golden shiner minnows. Here are a few pictures from the event.



Ice Fishing Pass Process

Dan Devine 248 255 7279



- Ice access for recreational purposes is restricted to Lake Sherwood residents and their guests.
- A Lake Sherwood resident must accompany any guest who is on the ice to fish. (We are willing to make exceptions to this rule if a resident is physically unable to accompany the guest.)
- Any Lake Sherwood resident who wishes to ice fish must be in possession of an Access Pass.
- Any Lake Sherwood resident using an A-Lot to access the lake must display a Lake Sherwood Parking Pass in their vehicle on the dashboard.
- The Access Pass and Parking Pass will be provided and controlled by the Lake Sherwood Fisheries Manager or his/her designate.
- Each Access Pass will identify the specific property owner.
- The Access Pass will allow lake access for ice fishing to the resident and up to four guests via a Lake Sherwood Association A-lot or the resident's property. If additional guests are invited to be on the ice to fish, a call to the Fisheries Manager or his/her designation in advance is required.
- If approached by any Lake Sherwood resident, the fisherman must show (or identify the resident they are fishing with) this Access Pass and identify those in his/her party.
- It is the responsibility of the Lake Sherwood resident to request passes from the Lake Sherwood Fisheries Director or his/her designate.
- A Lake Sherwood resident granting ice access to guests for any purpose will be held responsible for the conduct and actions of their guests. If guests are in violation of any rules or regulations set forth by the Lake Sherwood Association or the State of Michigan, they will be asked to leave the lake property and the resident's Access Pass, if any, will be revoked. The Sheriff may also be requested to intervene. Access Passes for ice fishing will be issued only to those residents who are current with Lake Sherwood dues. If a resident loses the Access Pass or Parking Pass, they will be issued a replacement pass at a cost determined by the Lake Sherwood Association Board.
- Contact Dan Devine at 248-255-7207 to get a pass.





Steve Biebel

In our neighborhood, we are incredibly lucky to have a vibrant volunteer community. Many residents generously give their time and energy to various causes, and one outstanding individual among them is **Steve Biebel**, of **Starwood Drive**. Steve moved to Lake Sherwood in 1999 from Farmington Hills with his wife Sandra and daughter Jaquelyn. They welcomed their son Karsen in 2000.



Sandra & Steve have an Annual Chili Contest – a fund raiser for Veterans.

Steve began his career in the automotive industry, specializing in metal fabrication and manufacturing. He also served as an on-call firefighter during this time. In 1995 he followed his father's footsteps and became a full-time firefighter serving the city of Farmington Hills. Steve worked his way up the ranks to the position of Battalion Chief before retiring.

Steve's volunteer journey began with a request from **Gloria Hughes** to place sandwich boards in the neighborhood. He later accepted the position of Area Director for Area 1 and later temporarily represented Area 11. In 2020, he became Vice President of the association and in 2022 he assumed the position of LSA President, demonstrating outstanding leadership and commitment. He will remain in this position until January. In addition to his presidential duties, Steve serves on numerous committees including the Boat Ramp Committee, Water Quality Committee, Selection Committee and the Wildwood Canal Project.

Steve is busier than ever, despite retirement. When he's not fulfilling his LSA commitments, he enjoys playing golf. In addition, he and Karsen serve as mentors for the Gems Robotics Team at Cheryl Stockwell Academy. Steve also dedicates his time to fundraising for the fire department. On top of all this, he is currently constructing a house for his daughter. Steve's energy and initiative are truly remarkable!

As Steve's presidency concludes, he remains dedicated to serving the community. He believes in the principal of prioritizing "the greatest good for the most" and will continue to work towards this objective. We are truly grateful for Steve's commitment and valuable contributions.

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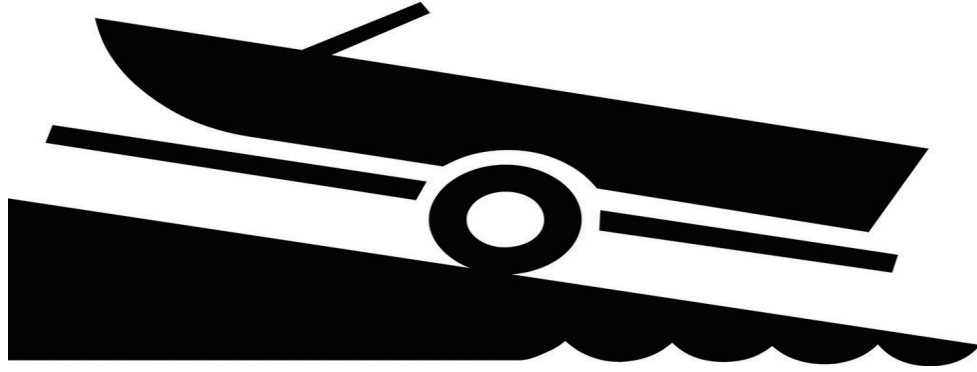
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Lake Sherwood Boat Ramp



2024 Hours of Operation

April:	8:00AM — 8:00PM
May:	8:00AM — 8:00PM
June:	8:00AM — 9:00PM
July:	8:00AM — 9:00PM
August:	8:00AM — 8:00PM
September:	8:00AM — 7:00PM
October:	8:00AM — 6:30PM
November:	8:00AM — 5:00PM

Points of Contact

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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
Jim Oakley	313.819.3535
Tim Smith	248.870.2828

Reminders

Allow up to two weeks after you pay your annual dues for your card to be activated in the Spring. Please pay your dues before March to ensure a smooth process.

A-Lot users, allow up to two weeks after you turn in your annual A-Lot form for your card to be activated in the Spring.

If you have a new watercraft, please send proof of ownership (pic of registration) to a member of the boat ramp committee (or email boatramp@lake-sherwood.org) to ensure your access card is activated.

If you are a new resident, the boat ramp access card that you may have from the previous owner will not work in the Spring. You must fill out a Boat Ramp User Agreement (Go to www.lake-sherwood.org then pick the Lake Life menu and select Forms) and provide proof of ownership of your watercraft. Please contact a member of this committee (or email boatramp@lake-sherwood.org).



This year we've been able to create five new larger slips to accommodate pontoons. There are currently 7 REGULAR SLIPS AND 3 LARGE SLIPS open around the lake (see map on website for locations). A site-survey of all A-Lot docks is nearly complete, and slip users will receive a notice from the committee should your dock need attention.

Below is the Dock Specification sheet to refresh your memory regarding the rules:

A-LOT DOCK SPECIFICATIONS LAKE SHERWOOD ASSOCIATION

DOCKS:

SAFETY is the prime concern. The docks are to be maintained with safe and stable decks with no protruding fasteners or broken/cracked boards. All stringers are to be sound – not cracked or bent. The deck must be level within 2" side to side.

APPEARANCE: The docks should be well maintained and as similar as practical to other docks on the A-lot. The docks will be maintained with the original wood/other surface (no paint or colors). Commercially available bumpers and fenders are allowed. But no tires or other materials are allowed.

RECOMMENDED SPECIFICATIONS:

Width: 30-36'

Length: 16-30' except as approved by the A-lot Committee

Height: The deck surface must be above the water level

Materials/Construction: Commercially available wood, aluminum, composite or vinyl docks (recommend 2" nominal thickness treated deck surface if wood). Poles to be commercially available (recommend 2" galvanized steel with screw bases).

LIFTS:

Lifts may be placed in a slip **ONLY WITH THE ADVANCED WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE A-LOT COMMITTEE**, space permitting. **No lift over 10' in width is permitted.**

The Leafwood and Starwood a-lots are currently designated as **NO-LIFT A-LOTS** due to shallow water and dock spacing. **Unapproved lifts and approved lifts not placed entirely within the user's own slip will be removed/moved at the slip user's expense.**

The A-Lot Dock Committee reserves final approval rights for lift placement in order to assure appropriate allocation of slip space among Lake Sherwood off-water property owners, and to promote the general appearance of all A-Lots

NOTES:

Dock/slip users must register their slip every year with the A-lot Committee. Unregistered slips may be reassigned.

An unsafe or dilapidated dock or lift will be removed/repared at the slip users' expense.

No personal property, i. e. boats, lifts, trailers, kayaks, may be left on A-lot property. Lifts and boats on a lift may be left in the water over the winter from November 1 to March 31 (not recommended where ice damage may occur). Boats left on lifts over the winter must be shrinkwrapped or have covers in good condition and tightly secured (User is responsible for this at all times). You must register your winter storage by indicating so on the Annual Registration form each year.

In an effort to help with the water quality, PLEASE pay attention to the lake bottom around your slip. If there are leaves, vegetation rotting, etc., please do your part and rake it out.

Any questions or comments, contact me, Linda Gepper @ lwgepper@gmail.com



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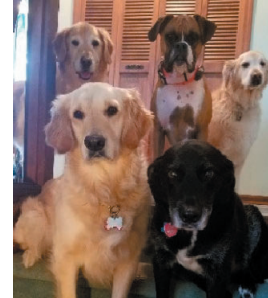
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Phragmites

Dan Devine and I went out on the lake in early October to map areas in Lake Sherwood that have phragmites. Lake Sherwood Association can only treat phragmites that are in the water. If they are on your property, please treat them to eradicate them.



Phragmites are very invasive weeds that need to be destroyed. They are also a fire hazard especially in the late fall/winter when they turn brown. They are hollow reeds and burn very hot.

In the Spring, if you have phragmites on your property or waterfront, you can cut them down to the ground or below the water line. If you keep the phragmites cut below the waterline or dirt line all summer, they won't sprout seed heads. If they are still growing and green by August, you can treat them with RoundUp.

They feed their roots late in the season so the herbicide will go to the roots. It takes three years of regular treatment to eradicate them. The plant feeds the roots late summer, early fall and that is the best time to treat with an herbicide so it gets into the roots. It is important to **bag the seed heads** before you cut them down when they turn brown.

It is important to keep them out of our lake. They can take over in a very short time, crowding out native plants and destroying animal and fish habitat.

Karen Adams





January/February of 2024 1pm – 4pm at the Ledgewood A-lot

We are hoping to move this event back to the Ledgewood A-Lot, so keep an eye out for a Martha E-Mail or social media post for a date in January or February 2024. **Cheryl Mueller on Driftwood Dr.**, of Luxe Group eXp Realty will be hosting & sponsoring.



There will be putt-putt ice golf, curling, ice skating and an ice fishing contest. Also, there will be tables set up to plug-in crockpots of your favorite meal to share with your neighbors.

Since details of this event are still being planned, we would really appreciate **additional volunteers** to help set-up tables and run some of these awesome events. Please reach out to **Cheryl Mueller at Cheryl.mueller@exp Realty.com or text her at 248-505-7653.**

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Treasurer's Report

Paul MacDonald



2024 Approved Budget and 2023 Forecasted Results

	2023 Forecasted Results	2023 Approved Budget	Positive (Negative) Variance	APPROVED 2024 Budget	APPROVED Budget vs. 2023 results
Revenues:					
Current Year Dues	\$252,290	\$248,200	\$4,090	\$249,150	(\$3,140)
Prior Year Dues	1,420	1,350	70	900	(520)
Advertising for VIEW	10,085	12,000	(1,915)	10,000	(85)
Interest Income	5,335	180	5,155	12,000	6,665
Total Revenues	\$269,131	\$261,730	\$7,401	\$272,050	\$2,919
Expenses:					
Lakes Committee - Weed Control	\$82,927	\$108,500	} 32,700	\$108,500	\$25,573
Lakes Committee - Ramp	1,833	6,200		1,000	(833)
Lakes Comm.(water testing, fish stocking+)	9,261	12,022		13,545	4,284
Ongoing Grounds Maintenance	48,768	41,562	(7,206)	43,576	(5,192)
Beautification Committee	835	2,100	1,265	6,900	6,065
Newsletter/Communication Costs	16,549	20,244	3,695	21,704	5,155
Fireworks	24,300	24,550	250	25,300	1,000
Social	2,890	3,125	235	3,695	805
Insurance & Legal	7,666	7,670	4	10,670	3,004
Island Committee (including docks)	10,727	10,000	(727)	19,150	8,423
Utilities - Street Lights	2,595	2,500	(95)	2,700	105
Pontoon expenses	1,400	650	(750)	650	(750)
Storage Unit Rental	960	1,000	40	1,000	40
Supplies, billing & collection, office	533	915	382	2,900	2,367
Total Expenses	\$211,244	\$241,038	\$29,793	\$261,290	\$50,046
Net Income (Loss)	\$57,886	\$20,692	\$37,194	\$10,760	(\$47,126)

*** 2023 Financial Notes:

- The current forecast expects us to come in under budget by around \$37,000. As we've discussed at a few other meetings, these savings will eventually be used for some of the major upcoming projects (ie: seawalls and lake quality).
- We've collected Dues from all but 9 of the 631 members (and one more "promise to pay"). Thank You to all those that have paid! This is imperative to keep the Association running smoothly.
- With interest rates rising, we have moved some funds into a secure savings account that will net some additional earnings.
- We expect to be under budget in the Lake Weed Control area by about \$26,000 due to less weed treatments needed.
- In the Lakes Committee section, we had budgeted for some work at the boat ramp that wasn't needed resulting in a positive \$4,000, along with a few other areas that should come in under budget (marine patrol, well pump, utilities, etc).
- Because several of the projects have been delayed over more than one budget year, the Board is going to forecast the expenditures in the year budgeted, and then earmark a reserve for the future cash outlay. The "Water Quality/Dredging" project is the largest of these, and the reserve is approximately \$31,600. Several other items amount to approximately \$23,000.
- + We expect to have unencumbered cash of approximately \$370,000 at 12/31/23 after spending the forecasted amounts above.

*** 2024 Approved Budget Notes. (As presented and voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting in October.)

- The Board recommended holding the 2024 annual dues at \$400, and the membership approved at the Annual meeting. This would result in a small amount of Net Income, but there is always a chance of overruns given the complexities and age of the subdivision.
- 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 amount as the 2023 budget. This line will also be used for the Eutrosorb bag concept that was implemented in 2023, and Phragmite eradication if needed.
- The Water Quality / Wildwood River issue is still delayed. Once we satisfy what EGLE requires and obtain a permit, we can move forward.
- Due to the uncertainty surrounding this project, we aren't budgeting any additional dollars in 2024, but we are going to implement some new concepts to help contain the problem (ie: the Bio-Health Pod System). As noted above, there is a reserve already for this, but we may need to request additional funding if the project scope or pricing changes.
- The Beautification line has a new amount to improve the look of the Surfwood isthmus that faces both the lake and the ramp bay.
- There is a newly formed Island Committee that began in 2023. This group has presented the Board with a 5-year plan to maintain and improve the various islands. In the not so distant future, this will include seawall replacement at the islands in need. Although there is not a proposed budget for all 5 years, there has been significant thought put into the possible needs, and when to act on them. The \$19,150 budget for 2024 includes a possible sun shelter on Skier's Island, follow-up work on the shoreline barriers at Sunset Island, goose droppings cleanup, dock install/removal, and other smaller items.

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- **Fri. 12/15 > LSA Christmas Party at Beacon Hill from 7-11pm**
- Sun. 12/24 > Christmas Eve
- Mon. 12/25 > Christmas Day
- Tue. 12/26 > Kwanzaa
- Sun. 12/31 > New Year's Eve

• January '24

- Mon. 1/1 > New Year's Day

• February '24

- Fri. 2/2 > Ground Hog Day
- Sat. 2/10 > Chinese New Year
- Tue. 2/13 > Marki Gras
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