

Loch Erin News
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Meetings:
2nd Monday Every Month
(Except Holidays; 3rd Monday.
May meeting is 3rd Sunday at
2pm)
Cambridge Township Hall 7:00
pm
All members are encouraged to
attend.

A message from our President Dan Fahrer...

The unofficial summer season began on Memorial Day weekend and we were provided with some very unseasonal weather which has dampened the activity on our Lake. As we look forward to the first week of June, the forecast is showing warmer air temperatures, but the lake water temperature will be slow to follow. The Board has worked hard to prepare for the Summer season with our two priorities focused on water quality and park readiness, therefore I would like to thank both Phil Kittredge and Kathy Z for their continued efforts. As previously mentioned, the water temperatures are unseasonably low so, please ensure you and guests are aware of proper water safety as it applies to swimming and boating activities. I would also encourage everyone to review the boating rules and regulations regarding operating watercraft within our Lake. We still see evidence that not everyone is following these rules, since we are a Private lake, only residents and/or guests are operating watercraft within Loch Erin so please ensure you have a conversation regarding watercraft safety. In addition, the July 4th Holiday will soon be upon us, and the fireworks are scheduled for Friday July 4th and more information regarding planned events will be posted by the FOLE events committee. Again, please check out the Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities for a quick reference that is posted on our LEPOA website. As stated, the summer season brings forward more outdoor activities and an increase of yard work and possibly home renovations or landscape activities. We are very proud of our community, and we encourage everyone to take pride in their home and yard areas. At the Annual Meeting on May 18th, the Loch Erin election occurred for the Board of Directors and subsequently the Board selected the various officers as outlined in the Bylaws. First, I would like to recognize and thank outgoing Board members Bob MacDonald and Randy Hutchison for their dedicated service. The Board would like to welcome Elizabeth Platt and Jerry Robinson to the LEPOA Board. Beth has accepted the Treasurer role, and Jerry will be supporting the Fish & Wildlife committee. Chris Denunizo will serve as the Vice President and the other Board members are Phil Kittridge (Water Quality), Eric Cullum (Compliance), Kathy Zmijewski (Parks Committee). In addition to the President's role, I will continue with the Building Committee. On behalf of our entire community, I'd like to thank them for agreeing to serve our LEPOA community and for contributing their time and effort to make Loch Erin such a great place to live. See you on the water!!

UPCOMING FOLE EVENTS

Loch Erin Garage Sales

June 13th & 14th
[more info here](#)

JULY 4TH 2025 SMOKE ON THE WATER EVENT

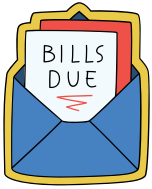
[more info here](#)

DOG DAYS OF AUGUST

Contact Mickey Contos for
additional information at
517-260-1834

Labor Day Event -

Sunday, August 31st
more info to come



Association Dues

Loch Erin Association dues of \$175.00 are due May 1, 2025.

Non-payment will result in gate card deactivation on September 1, 2025

If payment is not received or a payment plan established, a lien will be filed shortly after June 1st



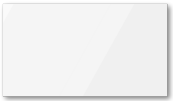
Dock Slip Renters

Our docks are in and so are most boats! Please make sure to let the office know if porta johns are tipped over or if the parks are in need of any maintenance or repair. REMINDER boats are to be on a lift or tied to dock poles and NOT our docks



Vehicle Sticker Reminder

Make sure the correct **ORANGE** sticker is adhered to the vehicle and is visible to avoid being towed. You must be a member in good standing and have paid your 2024 dues. To get stickers please call or email Jordin at the office.



Need a Gate Card?

Gate Card agreements are available on our website. Only members in good standing will receive a gate card. Dues for 2025 must be paid before submitting a request. The form is available on the website or you can reach out to Jordin at the office!

Important Numbers: EMERGENCY CALL 911

LEPOA General 517-467-4834
Drain Commission 517-264-4696
County Sheriff General 517-263-0524
DEQ (local officer) 517-648-5847
Boating/Hunting Laws 517-373-1230
Cambridge Twp. 517-467-2104
Road Com. /snow removal 517-265-6971
Franklin Township 517-431-2320

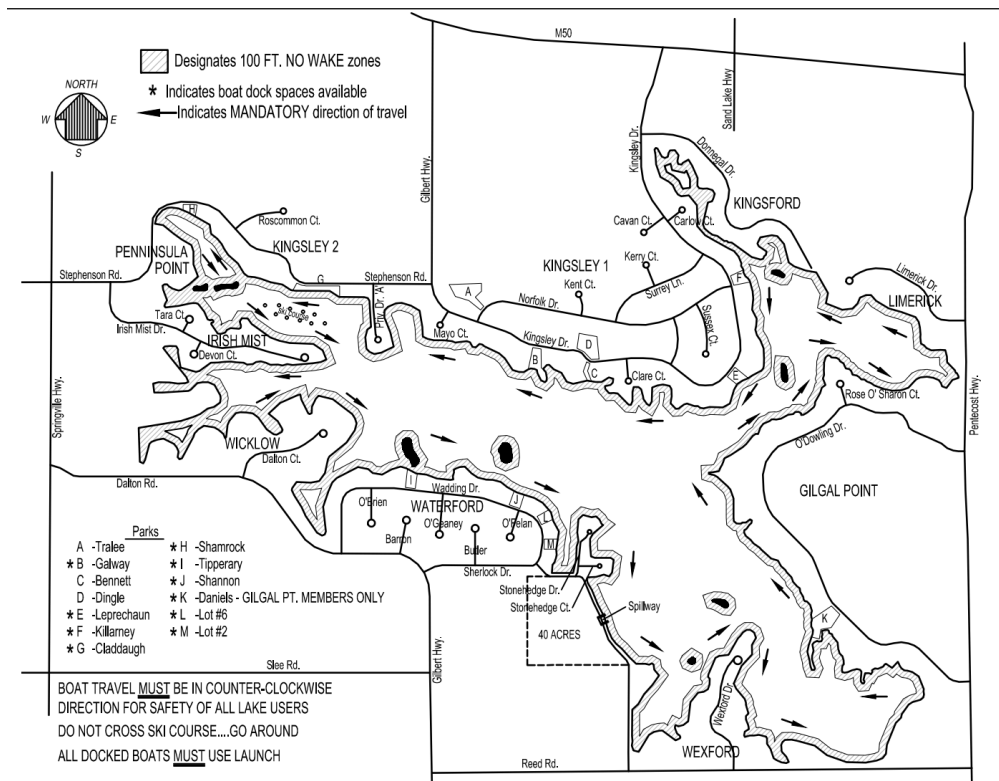
MSU Boat Wash

Despite being cool and overcast, our annual invasive species awareness boat wash continued. About 11 launched between 10am and 3pm last Saturday, 6 were washed and about 22 folks received the Invasive Species Transport talk from the MSU extension staff\ . Most seemed pleased with the opportunity and appreciated the material and boat bling shared.

The MSU Extension service offers the free boat wash and awareness outreach opportunity every summer at boat launches throughout the state to share knowledge and discourage the unintentional transport of invasive aquatic species like starry stonewort plants or zebra mussels from lake to lake.



DID YOU KNOW?



1. Inland Lakes observe a standard counter-clockwise direction around the lake to minimize potential for accidents.
2. There is a 100 foot no wake zone around the shoreline of all inland lakes. This includes islands and the ends of docks.

Clarification Regarding Castlebar Park

Please note that Castlebar Park is not part of the Loch Erin Parks maintained by LEPOA. This park is exclusively for the use of members who reside on Castlebar Drive and have been specifically and legally deeded access rights to it. LEPOA does not maintain Castlebar Park, nor do we assign docks there, as it is not within our designated park system. For reference, a map of the parks maintained by LEPOA is available on our website. These are the only parks managed by the Association and available for general Member use. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Green Water or Green Lawns ?

For those considering Lawn Fertilizer this year, please verify that what you have purchased or what your lawn service is providing is phosphorous free. The state has banned the sale of residential lawn fertilizers containing phosphorous, but many “general” fertilizers are still available that do contain phosphorous. The image below is a general purpose fertilizer with the numbers 12 – 12 – 12. The middle number indicated this product contain 12% phosphorous. Make sure the product you buy has a middle number of “0”

Algae and Bacteria in the water thrive on the same nutrients that our lawns and plants enjoy. Runoff from our lawns further increases the phosphorus levels in our already phosphorous loaded lake. For the past several years Loch Erin has been included on the States “Impaired Waterways List” for excessive phosphorous levels.

Phosphorus is considered a prime nutrient leading to Blue Green Algae blooms (with nitrogen also a key contributor.) Our lake already contains too much. To reduce our chances of a Hazardous Algae Bloom (HAB) this year, it would be best to minimize or not fertilize at all. For those irrigating with lake water, you are probably already adding as much phosphorous as your lawn requires. If you feel you must fertilize, please use phosphorous free fertilizer!

