

2021 FALL-WINTER LOCH ERIN NEWSLETTER

Loch Erin News is published by the Loch Erin Property Owners Association.
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Regular Meetings: 2nd Monday of every month (Except holidays - 3rd Monday) 7:pm at the Cambridge Township Hall M-50 and Onsted Hwy. Onsted MI
Annual Meeting is the 3rd Sunday in May at 2:pm

2021 WINTER MESSAGE FROM LEPOA PRESIDENT- Rod Kurowski

Here it is the end of boating season and as I look out the window writing this, it snowing. I hope everyone had a safe and great summer.

As a board we completed a number of projects this year:

1. Power and lighting of the picnic shelter at the launch ramp
 2. New electronic gate at the launch ramp
 3. Major update of the entrance at M50 and Kingsley
 4. Major clean up of Galway Park
 5. Installed 15 yards of sand at the Galway beach
 6. Installed a new seawall at Shannon park.
 7. Built and installed picnic benches at the parks
- In addition, a volunteer group has been planting flowers in a number of areas

I want to thank all the volunteers that pulled together the wonderful Labor Day activities that were enjoyed by the community. I hope we can continue this in the future.

It was amazing the watch the community pull together to voice their opinion on the proposed large development off Springville.

This is the time of the year where we start thinking about projects for 2022. Defining what to undertake and then putting into the budget. Would like to get suggestions from the community on potential projects. Please submit your suggestions on the Facebook website Loch Erin Property Owners.

We are looking for candidates to run for the board. Please submit a short bio for the March News letter.

To close, want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SPRINGVILLE DEVELOPEMENT UPDATE:

As of the date of this newsletter Baloor Development has submitted an alternate plan to Cambridge Township that may be addressed at the November 22nd Planning Commission meeting. Members are encouraged to contact the township or visit the Cambridge Township website for the agenda and/or any changes in meeting dates.

ANNUAL DUES, LAUNCH KEY CARDS AND STICKERS

Loch Erin Annual dues are \$175.00 (per lot owned). **Members can pay anytime between January 1st through May 1st each year and not be delinquent.** After May 1st unpaid dues become delinquent, you are no longer a member in good standing and may lose your member benefits. Dock Lease agreements will not be accepted, Key Cards for the Launch will be deactivated you will be denied access until all dues have been paid. **Payments are accepted by U.S. Mail ONLY.** This is important because the postal service is not always prompt. Please plan ahead and have your payments in the mail in time to meet the May 1st deadline. Payment should be mailed to LEPOA, Box 302, Onsted MI 49265.

If you don't yet have a Launch Key Card please complete a **"key card form"** and mail or email to Jordin @ P.O. Box 302 Onsted MI 49265. or to locherinproperty@gmail.com. If you fall out of good standing for any reason, your card will be de-activated. If you share or lose your card, your old card will be de-activated and a \$100.00 fee will be required to obtain a new card.

Annual Stickers - Watercraft stickers are no longer required or issued EXCEPT for persons leasing dock space. **Vehicle stickers WILL be required by all members who expect to use our common facilities and parks.** Members parked without a sticker will be considered trespassers and your vehicle may be towed at your own expense. Please do not call the office if your vehicle is towed. Signs are posted in all parks indicating who to contact in the event that your non-stickered vehicle has been towed. Members are reminded that **ORV's including Golf Carts** are prohibited in our parks and on all Loch Erin roadways. Stickers will not be issued or valid for these vehicles. This is not a LEPOA issue. Please Contact the Cambridge Township Police Department to either report a violation or seek additional information on this law. 517-467-4737 or the Sheriff at 517-263-0524.

LEPOA BOAT DOCKS

The Loch Erin Property Owners Association makes every effort to provide our back lot property owners with dock access to our lake. Docks are assigned on a first come first serve bases. If you are interested in securing dock space at one of the Association Parks, all association dues and sub dues (if applicable) must be paid. **The dock lease program process begins January 2nd of each year.** Lease agreements and instructions are available the first of December. Please contact the office to receive an updated agreement package. Once completed the package **MUST BE MAILED to Jordin - P.O. Box 302, Onsted MI 49265.** We do not except email submissions. Lease packages that are not postmarked AFTER January 1st will be returned. When completing your lease agreement, please do not submit "same space as last year" in the space preference section as that may also cause your package to be returned.

2021-2022 ELECTION AND BUDGET

The 2022-2023 LEPOA Board Election will be held at the annual meeting on Sunday May 15th at 2:pm, Cambridge Township Offices on the corner of M-50 and Onsted Hwy. Persons interested running for a board position should submit their interest, including a few paragraphs about themselves **no later than February 14th, 2022** in order to be included on the ballot which is available to all members in the March (Spring 2022) Newsletter. Write in candidates are accepted up until the President closes all nominations at the annual meeting. Additional Election information and the official ballot will be included in the March 2022 Newsletter.

A REMINDER TO ALL LEPOA WALKERS;

If you walk in the early mornings or later in the evenings when its dark please wear bright colors. It is difficult for vehicles to see you at these times.

2022 ANNUAL EVENTS:

Looking forward into next year, the following events are in the works. Dates to be determined as they are confirmed.

Memorial Day Pontoon Parade (Memorial Day Weekend)
Goose Round Up (Generally the 1st or 2nd week of June)
Lake Wide Loch Erin Garage Sale (MIS Race Day Weekend)
Loch Erin Fireworks Display (at Dusk)
Labor Day Extravaganza

LAKE WEED TREATMENT AND WATER QUALITY

We fortunately had another summer with very minimal cyanobacteria (Blue Green Algae) activity. We believe we had a lot help of from favorable weather and likely assistance from the aquatic plants in the lake. Our water sampling for the year is complete, results still showing significant amounts of phosphorous entering the lake. We again appreciate the city of Adrian water department providing sampling materials and analysis at their cost.

We appreciate members have generally accepted that minimizing treating the lake to kill lily pads and other aquatic plants has been beneficial. We are, however, reviewing the need to treat some areas, and likely will contract to have the densest lily pad areas treated next summer. Please understand, large scale spraying of the lake is an activity restricted by the state and requires a detailed spraying plan to be provided before a permit is granted. Individual homeowners are always allowed to cut out plants providing they do not disturb the lake bottom and the vegetation is removed from the water and properly disposed of on land.

As many of you know, in conjunction with the River Raisin Watershed Council, we applied for and have been approved for a funding grant to develop a "Watershed Management Plan" for the immediate watershed area feeding into our lake. There were only two recipients of this program funding in 2021. This is EPA funds administered through EGLE intended to better understand what is contributing to the phosphorus loading and other pollutants entering the major rivers that feed into the Great Lakes. Fortunately, the state has currently prioritized the southeast Michigan area as it is a contributor to the Western Lake Erie Basin issues.

The funding approved for this 2 year project is \$100,967, most of which will go to LimnoTech as the contracted consultant for the project. As the grant requires significant local cost sharing, much of the actual data collection around the lake will be performed by LEPOA and RRWC volunteers and the city of Adrian has committed to continuing water sample analysis at their cost for the duration of the project. We should acknowledge association member Pam Taylor who was instrumental in pointing us in the proper direction and making introductions and connections that have proved very beneficial.

A major output from this study will be an agricultural survey of the upstream and downstream area of Loch Erin to provide a better sense of the farming activities and potential agricultural pollutant sources in the watershed. This survey will be conducted by the Lenawee Conservation District and is small piece EGLE's larger goal to provide better detail of agricultural activity in all watersheds. Another

output will be identification of other potential sources (faulty septic systems, improper disposal sites, etc.) This information will be used to suggest several potential remedial actions intended to reduce pollutant s entering the creeks and drains feeding our lake. Another required output of the grant is community awareness/training. Much of this activity will be conducted by our partner, the River Raisin Watershed Council. They will be looking for more opportunities to meet and inform and will likely need some community volunteers.

When EGLE approves the final Watershed Management Plan, we will be positioned to apply for government funding to begin implementing the suggested remedial actions. Unfortunately, the whole process is very time consuming and reliant on several federal and state guidelines and requirements. To temper expectations, recall we have been working towards this for 3 years, and our 2020 funding request was denied. I would anticipate even more rigorous competition for implementation grants when we reach that point 2-3 years from now. Further, once received, implementation projects must be reviewed and approved by multiple state agencies. Finally, even when fully implemented, remediation won't be immediate. Keep in mind, sediments, phosphorous and other nutrients have been flowing into and settling in the lake for several years. At this point we have taken a positive first step in a long process, and we have started this process before our issues elevated to levels of some nearby lakes.

Starting next year our water sampling will become more rigorous and the need for data entry will increase. There will be a call for more volunteer help starting next year. So watch the Spring Newsletter for more information.

BOAT SAFETY

It's your responsibility to know our lake rules and Bylaw restrictions, and to insure that your guests are not only also aware but adhere to them. They echo the State of Michigan, County and Township laws. No wake means NO WAKE. It's not a negotiable speed. It's the slowest speed possible as to NOT create a wake. Traffic around the lake is counter-clockwise and swimmers, skiers, docks, islands or any other obstruction or obstacle in the water requires the same 100 ft distance.

CHILDREN AND PETS

A reminder to all members that Children and Pets are out and about in our lake, our parks, common areas and roadways. Unless otherwise posted the speed limit **on all Loch Erin roads is 25 MPH**. Please be mindful that especially the smaller children on our beaches and lakefront may not be able to overcome the wake you create. Please don't 'run up' on the swimmer, skier, or no wake sign before you decided to power down. In some situations and areas, that could be too late.

Pets are required to be on a lease at all times once you leave your property. Pet waste is your responsibility and should never be left on someone else's property or disposed on a vacant lot or in one of our porta potties.

ADMINISTRATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Jordin Stark is the LEPOA part-time Secretary. Her main job is to support the LEPOA board and to help members with the responsibilities and programs as dictated by our board. There is not a physical office for the LEPOA. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 302, Onsted, Mi 49265. You may also leave a message on the LEPOA answering machine at 517-467-4834 or email her at

locherinproperty@gmail.com and she will respond as her schedule allows.

Eric Cullum is a Board member and the LEPOA Compliance Officer. Matters of Bylaw or Rules compliance should be emailed to him at dsgtcullum@yahoo.com, AFTER you have completely filled out the Compliance form. Forms can be provided by calling or emailing the office.

MEMBERS WITH GUESTS

Sharing the use of our lake, community facilities or common areas with friends and family? Understand that you **MUST** accompany your guests at all times while they are using our membership benefits. There are no exceptions to this rule. In order to protect our lake and our private community all members have a responsibility to insure that watercraft entering our lake, anyone fishing with live or cut bait, or practicing catch and release fishing are required to take all precautions to limit the movement of invasive species and fish diseases. Members are also responsible for making sure guests are aware and adhere to all Bylaws, rules and restrictions while visiting our community.

ON-GOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONSIDER

Shoreline Invasive Plantings Program: The first plantings to aid the health of our lake began this summer and will continue next year. If you can volunteer some time to help please contact Jan Hall at Jans.homes@live.com

Ski Course in/out volunteers: Please contact Mike Klein (michaelgklein40021@yahoo.com) or 517-467-5759 as soon as possible if you can help put in or take the ski course this season.

The Friends of Loch Erin - is a newly formed group dedicated to providing more member activities and events like this past years Memorial Day Pontoon Parade and the Labor Day Spectacular. Please email the friendsoflocherin@aol.com for more information on the Community plans for 2022.

LOCH ERIN GAMES

Pickleball Players are always accepting new players and all skill levels. If you're interested in learning or playing, please contact Tom Sollars 517.712.2578 email: tasollars@comcast.net

Men's and Women's Golf Leagues Golf Leagues typically start up in the Spring but accept members of all levels throughout the season. For information about the Men's League please contact Dave Figg dcfigg@aol.com For information about the Women's League Diana Hellenga diana.hellenga@yahoo.com or Sandra Lewine sandralewine@frontier.com

IMPORTANT NUMBERS: EMERGENCY CALL 911

EPOA General Office 517-467-4834

Lenawee County Sheriff 517-263-0524

Cambridge Township Police 517-467-4737

Boating/Hunting Law Questions 517-373-1230

Lenawee County Road Commission

Snow Removal and overgrown right-off-way grass complaints 517-265-6971

Drain Commission 517-264-4696

DNR/DEQ - Andy Monnich 517-610-1370 or 517-648-5847.

Taxes, Ordinance Violations, Permits, Zoning, Dogs or Overgrown Lawns are managed by the Township.

Cambridge Twsp. 9990 W. M50 Onsted 517-467-2104 or <http://cambridgetownship.net/>

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