

WINTER NEWSLETTER

2022 WINTER MESSAGE FROM LEPOA PRESIDENT- Dan Fahrer

Our Lake Community has transitioned from the beautiful Fall colors to a rather quiet and calm season known as Winter. Knowing some of our members head to warmer climates, many of us will be dealing with the cold and snow that redefines our environment and surrounding landscapes around our community. Although we haven't really had any true winter weather yet, (yes, we did have a very thin covering of ice around Thanksgiving) but the cold weather is coming! As we reflect on our safety awareness practices during the summer boating activities, I encourage you to stay focused on hazards associated with venturing out onto the ice-covered lake when that occurs.

First, I would like to thank the Board members for their many hours of volunteer support and leadership for making Loch Erin a great community to live in and enjoy. Based on recent building activity and sales of existing homes this observation is recognized by others. As part of this Newsletter, various Board members will be providing a summary of a few accomplishments that were achieved, but I would like to highlight a few items as well. The Community and the entire Board has engaged on some critical strategic issues since that time.

- 1) LEPOA Mission – Protect and Preserve: Lake, Community and Property values - **By maintaining and improving our lake quality along with increased awareness to our existing by-law compliance, LEPOA assures Loch Erin remains a premier private lake community by providing an environment for member involvement, embracing our association and sub-association structure, ensuring that our parks provide quality experiences for the residents, while providing a framework for an optimized value proposition to our members.**
- 2) We have created an objective methodology with defined criteria to evaluate capital expenditures as part of the 2023 proposed budget.
- 3) We conducted a dock survey, and we are developing a financing plan to address old dock sections within our Parks and our dock lease holders.
- 4) We made numerous improvements to our Parks through fence repair/replacing, tree trimming, tree removal, dock repairs and great volunteer effort at renovating one of our beaches.
- 5) We acknowledge that some of the properties surrounding Loch Erin are not members of LEPOA, so as a Board we will be working on that in 2023 and those recommendations when created will be presented at a monthly Board meeting. Please keep in mind this has been an legacy issue when Loch Erin was formed.

I would like to thank the community members that attend our monthly Board meeting, both in person and via zoom/web. We look forward to hearing from you and your perspectives of the challenges we are facing.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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 and you will be denied access until all dues have been paid. **Payments are accepted by U.S. Mail and online with ACH with a KeyBank link. Members who pay online will have a \$5 convenience charge added.** Payment by check 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 deactivated. If you share or lose your card, your old card will be deactivated 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. **Purple Vehicle stickers WILL be required by all members who expect to use our common facilities and parks. Please make sure to request your purple stickers by email or mail. These stickers will be good through 2024!** 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 basis. 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. **** Please note the price has increase to \$200 ****



Water Quality

LOCH ERIN

As the year comes to a close, we are pleased to have completed another season without significant Cyanobacteria (Blue Green Algae) outbreaks! This December also marks the halfway point of our "Upper Wolf Creek Watershed Management Plan. This is a 2-year project Funded by the EPA and administered by the StaTe of Michigan to establish baselines and identify potential sources of pollutants detrimental to our lake. When completed next year a report will be issued to EGLE, the State agency responsible for environmental issues, identifying issues discovered and recommending remedial actions, referred to as Best Management Practices (BMPs). This report is the first step the process of planning for any required remediation and gaining Government approvals and funding to begin corrective measures. We are very appreciative of our partnership with the River Raisin Watershed Council in this initiative. During the slower winter season, we would encourage all residents to consider taking the MSU extension service "Introduction to Lakes" online class starting in January. It is a somewhat self-paced class that provides a wealth of knowledge regarding waterways, watersheds, lake life and how we can take simple steps to assure the health of our lake. Sign up information is available at our website!

2023-2024 ELECTION AND BUDGET

The 2023-2024 LEPOA Board Election will be held at the annual meeting on Sunday May 21st at 2:pm, Cambridge Township Offices on the corner of M-50 and Onsted Hwy. Persons interested in running for a board position should submit their interest, including a few paragraphs about themselves **no later than February 14th, 2023** in order to be included on the ballot which is available to all members in the March (Spring 2023) 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 2023 Newsletter.

A REMINDER TO ALL LEPOA WALKERS:

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

BOAT SAFETY

It's your responsibility to know our lake rules and Bylaw restrictions, and to ensure 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 decide 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 of on a vacant lot or in one of our porta potties.

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.

A Message from Quality Interests..

Loch Erin Community,

I would like to begin with a huge thank you! For the past decade, Quality Interests LLC has served as Lake Attendants at the boat launch. We have hired local students to assist you on all of your boat launching needs and I wanted to share where your dues actually went. Again, We hired local students. Meaning, your dues went back into the pockets of your community! Our students were able to invest in their futures by paying for college, buying their first cars, and even starting their own families. Each Lake Attendant has fond memories of conversations and interactions that they had with their neighbors while at the launch. With many recent changes, Quality Interests LLC will no longer be able to serve the Loch Erin Community. We will certainly miss interacting with the community. However, I wanted to thank the Loch Erin members from the bottom of my heart for all of the years that you invested into us. Personally, this was never a job but a way to serve fellow neighbors. We cannot thank you enough.

Always,

Austin Lewandowski

Owner, Quality Interests LLC

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/>

Franklin Twsp. 3922 Monroe Rd, Tipton 517-431-2320 or <http://www.franklintownship.net/>