Winter 2024 Loch Erin News

# **Loch Erin News**

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# Loch Erin Property Owners Association

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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...

Our Loch Erin Community is again preparing for the Holiday Season and of course that means Winter is coming. Some of our members have already headed south for warmer climates, while the rest of us deal with cold and blowing snow and slippery roadways. I would ask that we are mindful of our neighbors and our neighborhoods during the upcoming weeks and months associated with this winter season. I again encourage you to stay focused on the numerous hazards that the Winter season brings, lake ice safety since we have had some early cold temperatures and ice has formed on our Lake, however I am uncertain as to its thickness! Keep in mind that ladder safety is paramount for use in setting up and removing Christmas decorations, be aware of frequent use of wood burning fireplaces, defensive driving techniques and bundling up for the windchill temperatures. I would also like to thank the numerous community members that provided their volunteer time and expertise to our various committees within LEPOA as well as your attendance at our monthly Board meeting to share your concerns and recognition. These individuals were recognized at a Volunteers dinner this past week and this would also include the Board members from our sub-associations and LEPOA since we are all volunteers, thank you to everyone. Based on the numerous new homes being built and the real estate transactions it appears we still remain a desired location for either a primary residence or a secondary home. Please welcome our new neighbors to our Loch Erin community. As we look forward to 2025, the Board will continue to focus on high priority items such as water quality and appearance and utilization of our park system. In addition, we will continue to focus on the budget and demonstrate fiscal restraint where appropriate and invest as needed in these areas. In conclusion, we look forward to hearing from you and sharing your perspectives to assist us with the existing and new challenges that we will encounter in 2025 and beyond. In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# Wish to Donate?

We are always accepting donations for the following areas:
-parks
-the pickleball Court
-stocking of fish,
-goose round-up

-fireworks
-water quality
-legal defense fund

-ongoing projects.

You can add the amount to the check you send in for dues and put in the memo where you would like the funds to be allocated to.



We are seeking member volunteers who are skilled in building positive relationships and can attend local Stakeholder meetings as representatives of LEPOA. Our local Stakeholders play an important role in impacting the health and well being of our lake community through decision making. It's important we begin to build bridges and have an influence in the process.



### 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 2024 must be paid before submitting a request. The form is available on the website or you can reach out to Jordin at the office!







# THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL IN 2025!















### **Association Dues**

Loch Erin Association dues of \$175.00 are due May 1, 2025. Payments will be accepted starting January 2nd. Non payment of dues may result in a late fees and a lien on the property.

# **Dock Slip Renters**



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 on our website.

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 that all post mark dates of January 2nd are put into a bucket and pulled out at random. The office receives 70+ submissions for January 2nd so please make sure to put your top 3 choices for a dock space.



Composting leaves or using your mower to mulch leaves directly into your lawn is best. If you have a great deal of leaves, hiring a lawn service to haul them away is also an option. Please try to avoid burning leaves in the ditches as it releases harmful chemicals like dioxins and hydrocarbons, etc. into the air, (and lake) which is a carcinogen, that we all end up inhaling, which can cause eye nose and throat problems along with respiratory issues for our neighbors. When burnt leaves get into the lake, the ash can significantly increase the nutrient levels in the water leading to excessive algae growth (algae blooms) which can deplete oxygen levels, harm fish and other aquatic life and ultimately disrupt the entire lake ecosystem. This is because ash contains nutrients like phosphorous which act as a fertilizer for algae. Please refrain from raking or blowing leaves into the lake, as this is also harmful.