



Sand Pebbles Newsletter

Wing Lake Property Owners Association

Spring 2024



Important News!

Happy Spring from the WLPOA Board Members! We trust you are well and looking forward to Spring as much as we are. With that in mind, we wanted to pass along some important updates on our beloved Wing Lake. As many of you probably know, the lake is tested every year for phosphorus, and unfortunately, levels found this year are 10 times higher than where they should be and it's part of a larger trend showing that the lake is in long-term trouble. At the same time, our lake is in the top 15% of developed lakes of similar sizes in the state of Michigan, and we have been reassured that while these levels are high, it is still safe to boat and swim.

On the last page of this newsletter, you will find a message from Wing Lake, Inc., as well as a more detailed update on the lake's health with some tips on what we can do to help. WLPOA board members have been meeting with the Wing Lake, Inc. Board and will continue doing everything possible to assist with our next best steps. If you have any interest in being involved, please let us know; otherwise, we will send you updates as we continue to work on this.

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Let's Get Social!

From Rebecca & Racheli

With Winter retreating and Spring around the corner it's easy to get excited to be back at the lake. This year, we're hosting once monthly food trucks to bring us together on the second Tuesday of the month from 4:30-7:30pm. between March and October. We are looking forward to sharing good food and good times together in 2024!

Other events in the works include:

- Lake Spring Clean Up May 18th
- Welcome To Summer Party
- 4th of July Party
- Chili cook-off
- Yoga at the lake
- Happy hour sunsets,
- Yard game nights
- Paddler meet-ups for kayakers, canoers & SUPers



Beach Info

From Michal Nodel

The beach is beautiful all year long! Thank you to everyone who's been down there this season and for helping us keep it clean. There should always be a bin in the garbage corral by the waterfront, and that is where trash goes. There is also a toy bin behind the bench on the north end of the beach. Anyone is welcome to play with the toys anytime, and return them to the bin before you leave.

The fence at the entrance to the beach park fell during a storm; it has been restored, but remains fragile for the moment. Please reach out to a WLPOA board member if you need to open it.

Looking forward to a great summer season on Wing Lake! Look out for signs for Beach Clean Up Saturday later this spring! See you there.

Food Trucks

- 5/14 Slows BBQ
- 6/11 - Mr Bowls
- Mediterranean St. Food
- 7/9 Grand Azteca
- 8/13 Simply Spanish
- 9/10 Batter Up Waffle
- 10/8 Fortune Cooking



Letter From The WLPOA President



Hey WLPOA Neighbors,

As we gear up for another awesome season at Wing Lake, I wanted to drop you a quick note. First off, let's keep our beach clean, treating it like it's our own backyard. Remember to pick up after yourselves and keep our slice of paradise looking pristine.

Also, let's show respect for each other and each other's stuff. Whether you're chilling by the water or having a BBQ, let's keep things friendly and considerate.

Parents, a quick ask: could you please chat with your kids about respecting other people's property? We've had a few instances in the past where kids have been seen jumping on boats or walking on boats that aren't theirs. Let's make sure everyone understands the importance of treating others' belongings with care.

I have 4 important topics that impact all of us as WLPOA members

1. As an association, we are facing increasing costs all around us because of the impact inflation has had on all of our 3rd party vendors. The cost for lake maintenance and everything else has increased tremendously over the last 4 years. We are going to need to review and look at adjusting our annual dues to keep up with everything. Currently, our dues are at \$350 for the year, less than the majority of neighboring associations, and we have access to the best beach and areas around Wing Lake. We will have more info to share about this in the coming months.
2. Great news! The DNR authorized the Township to adopt an ordinance providing that "it shall be unlawful for an operator of a vessel to exceed a slow-no wake speed." Thank you to everyone for contributing and writing in!
3. This year's Lake Spring Clean Up will be May 18th. Remember all those friendly neighbors who disappeared when the weather turned cold? Well, meet them at the lake for some thrill-packed fun of weeding, planting, pruning, and pitching. Bring gloves, rakes, bags, wheelbarrows, or just a bit of elbow grease. What fun we'll have making our little beach area beautiful!
4. WLPOA is entering the 21st century! Stay tuned for a new website and an option to receive updates by text message.

Cheers,

Dave Nicolanti, WLPOA President



Welcome to the neighborhood to many new families!! We are looking forward to meeting everyone. Please send your contact information to wlpoaemail@gmail.com so we can be sure to **add you for future communication, to join our directory, and to join our Facebook Group.**

More Beach Info

There are no lifeguards on duty.

Instead, we focus on providing daily maintenance that will take place each morning. Maintenance help will do basic tasks such as taking out trash bins, cleaning up, raking, and removing bird waste.

Trash Policy

Carefully dispose of trash in the designated trash bins. Large items such as pizza boxes and to-go containers should **NOT** be placed in the trash cans near the beach; **they must be taken home.**

If a trash bin is full, do not continue to use it. Find another bin or kindly take your trash home to discard.

As a convenience, we will be power washing the waste bins monthly to keep them sanitary.

Make sure to not leave behind bottle caps, straw wrappers, shells, rinds, dropped snacks and other food debris on the ground. Do not leave glass - especially broken glass - on the ground!

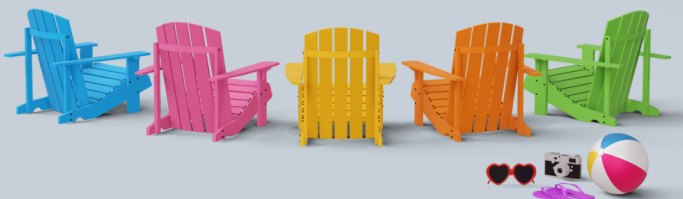
Please pick up trash and make an effort to leave the beach cleaner than when you arrived! The beach belongs to all of us and it's everyone's responsibility to help keep it looking clean.

Sand Toys

Sand toys are for everyone and can be found in the bin behind the bench on the north end of the beach. Please help your kids pick up their sand toys and do not leave them scattered on the sand. Please also fill any holes that your children may dig in the sand, as it helps preserve the beach.

Lost and Found

Help a neighbor by placing found items on the bench near the sand toy bin. Items left in the park for more than three days will be considered abandoned and discarded.



Picnic Tables & Parties

For parties & picnic table reservations, please email wlpoaemail@gmail.com.

PARTY RULES

- Each household is allowed one party of 15 or more people **once a month**
- **Parties of 15 or more people must be headquartered in the field.** Your party members may still enjoy everything about the beach including the play structures, the beach chairs, the grills, the sand, and the water. However, food and primary party items must be set up in the field. This will enable us to have plenty of space for our members in the beach area.

NOTES FOR RESERVATIONS

- Reservations of picnic tables are on a first come first serve basis.
- There is a 3-hour limit on picnic table reservations which includes set-up time. However, feel free to stay longer if no one is scheduled after you.
- Picnic table reservations are not available on the last day of school and holidays. On these days picnic tables are first come first serve and should be shared among neighbors.
- We have 3 picnic tables and you can reserve multiple, but if other neighbors want to reserve them too, you will be limited to one.
- **Do not put pizza boxes in the trash they should be brought home with you**
- **The trash fills quickly without parties, and immediately with them, so if you are hosting, please bring bags and take your trash home with you.**



Watercraft & Boat Management



Do you have a new rowboat, canoe, paddleboard, kayak or other watercraft (non pontoon)? Be sure to contact Jim Rivard at warrior55@comcast.net or WLPOA at wlpoemail@gmail.com to purchase an annual sticker. The rate is \$30 per watercraft per year.

If you need to renew your annual watercraft sticker please contact Jim at warrior55@comcast.net.

In an effort to streamline our waterfront area and ensure fair access for all members of our community, we are implementing a boat storage initiative. If you own a watercraft that is currently not in use, we kindly ask that you consider removing it from Wing Lake

Remove any watercraft* you are not using and get a \$50 credit on your 2025 dues!!

***Watercraft removal for the \$50 credit includes:**

paddle/pedal boats, rowboats, canoes, and john/frog boats and the deadline for removal is Memorial Day weekend. Also, it is essential to note that simply transferring the ownership of your boat to a neighbor within our community does not qualify for this credit. The goal here is to reduce the overall number of boats on Wing Lake, not simply redistribute them among our residents.

If you'd like to remove watercraft but need help, simply contact a board member and they will arrange for it to be removed for you.

By participating in this initiative, you not only contribute to the visual appeal of our lakefront but also help to create a more enjoyable and accessible environment for all members of our community.

Other important notes:

Storage in the racks for paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, etc, is first come, first serve.

Currently, there is a waitlist for pontoon boats. To join the waitlist email wlpoaemail@gmail.com.

Beach Rules

It's always good to start the season by reviewing a few rules & courtesies that make our beach safe and comfortable for everyone.

- **You are responsible for the safety of your own child/children, as well as any in your care, at the lake - there are no lifeguards**
- Only WLPOA members may use the beach. Guests are only allowed with a WLPOA member present. All others will be asked to leave.
- For the safety of our young swimmers do not kayak, canoe, paddleboard, or take any type of boat into or through the shallow roped-off area of the lake. We don't want to risk collisions or accidents. Please keep all paddles and oars, out of this area as well.
- No dogs or other pets are allowed in the field, on the bridge, or at the beach at any time - even if the beach is empty. Dogs ARE allowed to walk from the gate to a boat while on a leash to go out to the lake, this is the only exception.
- No pushing, shoving or roughhousing on the dock - wet feet and a wet dock combined with pushing, shoving, or roughhousing can lead to slips, falls, and injuries.
- Remember to treat the beach and community areas like you would your front yard, if you see something small that needs tending to, please go ahead and take care of it. An example would be picking up trash you might see laying around, emptying the garbage when it is full (even if you weren't the one that filled it),.....etc.
- Always clean up after yourself and any members of your group. Put trash in the trash cans or take it home, put toys back in the toy box, **dispose of cut fishing lines properly**, fill any deep holes dug in the sand.
- The beach closes at 10 pm and no one is allowed in after that time. The Bloomfield Township Police will confront anyone who is present after that time.

Letter From Wing Lake Inc. President Tom Barnes About Lake Health

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Happy January to all Wing Lake residents and riparians. I wanted to take a few minutes of your time to ask for your help in making sure Wing Lake remains a safe and beautiful place for all our families and future generations to enjoy.

Wing Lake Inc. has had a professional lake consultant monitoring the lake's conditions and guiding our management of the lake since 2007. Because of this, we have good recent historical data of water quality and aquatic life and have been able to maintain a healthy lake ecosystem for people and wildlife.

In 2022, our lake professional conducted a Watershed study on Wing Lake which included recommended "best practices" to help keep the lake healthy (note that the watershed is 599 acres feeding to the 110 acre lake).

In 2023, water quality measures showed a spike in the already-high Total Phosphorous levels in the lake (to 10 times the maximum wanted levels).

The risk from high Total Phosphorous levels is unchecked aquatic growth and potential emergence of blue-green algae which could essentially "close the lake" from all activity until remediated. Attached is an update from our consultant that recommends several actions that all riparians and watershed properties implement immediately to make sure we maintain a healthy lake.



- **Eliminate or reduce use of all fertilizers and weed killers on lawns**
- **Check that septic tanks and fields are running correctly and not leaking**
- **Create vegetative buffer-zones on the lakeshore and increase vegetation on steep hills around the lake to capture sediments and slow run-off**

I want to thank Roger Ajluni for his 12 years of leadership for Wing Lake Inc. – Roger's balanced approach to managing Wing Lake Inc. has made all our lives around the lake better.

Together, we can make sure Wing Lake stays healthy and provides us and future generations a great place to grow and live. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments about the lake or Wing Lake Inc.'s role, please contact your subdivision representative or contact me. Thank you for your help.

Tom Barnes
Wing Lake Inc. President



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