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## Fall 2021

The newsletter is  
in **color** on the website and Facebook.



For the Lake Association picnic the third time was the charm. The picnic was initially planned for the summer of 2020. Because of COVID it was canceled. Heavy rain and thunderstorms prevailed for the second attempt on June 26, 2021 so the event was moved one week to July 3.

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# Lake Association update

Hot, sunny weather ruled the weekend and in spite of the last minute change of dates about 60 attended the picnic hosted by Grace and Fred Yeihey. Their estate is on the cover.

Earlier in the day the Association annual meeting was held.

Dave Sommers gave a briefing on the lake weed control project. As of July 3 there had been two treatments for algae and weeds. The treatment maps are posted on Facebook and on the lake web.

Click on "Late Breaking News" to find them.

Last year the Lake Board authorized a second algae boom to be installed at the inflow by the east end of the lake. The Lake Board paid for the boom and Kevin Ohlrogge, Paul Shanahan and Jim West installed it in May.

The sign at the west end of the lake was replaced last fall. This was paid for by association funds and should hold up for the next decade or so. Thanks to those that help weed the planter around the sign.



Paul Shanahan and Jim West ready an algae boom for installation in May

Clay Dees has a couple more "Kids at Play signs" Contact Clay if you would like one.

Paul Shanahan reported the road brining is going well. The county has graded and brined at least twice so far this year. Paul lives close to the road and keeps a good eye on it. This

is paid for by a special assessment on the taxes.

Gypsy moths are back after nearly 20 years. Treatment can be done, but would require another special assessment. It would be challenging to get everything in place for treatment in 2022. At this time no one felt it was worth the

effort.

Kevin Ohlrogge was reelected President for a two year term. Directors Dan Joseph, Sandy Schafer and Paul Shanahan were also reelected for two year terms. Jeff Walser chose not to run again and Shelly Golden was elected to fill the opening.

Winners of the raffle were Dees, Goldens and Youngs.

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# Halloween hoot

The second annual trick-or-treat - food drive is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at 4:00 pm. Events include food and toiletry drive, 50/50 raffle, trick or treating, pet costume contest, cottage/trunk decoration contest, and NEW this year pumpkin carving contest. The chairs are: Shelly Golden, 586-200-9293, shellygolden7@gmail.com, Angela Myers, (810) 955-4837, amyers0920@yahoo.com and Jennifer DuBois, 810-278-1570, jnoelledubois@gmail.com. More information will be posted on the Hardwood Lake Facebook page



## Shelly Golden

Shelly Golden was elected to a Lake Association directors position. She and husband Adam purchased the lake home in 2013. They have 5 children and 2 grandchildren plus little dog Kody.

She grew up in Akron, Ohio but has lived in Michigan for the past 20 years. The family recently built a home

in Fraser and plan to retire there.

Shelly works for Carlton-Bates, an industrial electronic distributor, as an account manager for the past 13 years.



Shelly said “My close friends refer to me as Martha Stewart. I love to entertain in our home and plan events. I enjoy traveling, kayaking, hiking, crafting and spending time with friends and family.”



The annual ice cream social was a hit with about 40 residents in a half-dozen boats enjoying the cool treat provided by the association. The night was warm and waters calm.

(Left) President Kevin Ohlrogge hands out ice cream to one of the boaters.

# Lake Cleanup

By David Sommers, Lake Board Representative  
Rick Buteyn, Progressive AE environmental consultant

It seems that our major issue is becoming planktonic algae.

On Tuesday, July 20, 2021 we had an algae treatment for 23 acres. This was based on a couple of complaints that the planktonic algae was quite bad. By Friday, July 23, we had considerable planktonic algae again, almost as if there had been no treatment. Rick Buteyn, our environmental consultant from Progressive AE, had done a survey on July 21 and said he had seen a lot of algae. This treatment cost \$1,866.45. Per Rick "The lake did indeed look green on my survey this Wednesday. The species of algae present is a

planktonic algae, which can be found spread out across the lake in the water column. Treatment may only be applied to the developed shoreline, out to the 5' contour

or 100 feet from shore, whatever comes first. This limits treatment to only 23 acres around Hardwood Lake. If algae is present throughout much of the lake yet, an algacide treatment would likely not be very effective. Hopefully it dissipates naturally on its own. One other factor is that EGLE requires a 14 day waiting period between algae treatments. This would put the next available algae treatment the week of August 2. I will be sending out an additional treatment map based on my survey and will prescribe treatment for the week of August 2."

On August 3 there was another 23 acres of algae treatment which cost \$1,866.45. On Friday morning, August 6, a resident sent a

couple of photos showing considerable planktonic algae along his shore. Again, a few days after treatment the algae was back again.

The rest of the lake sort of serves as an algae incubator and when we get south winds after a calm night, we see an abundance of algae along the northern shore. The lake is 186 acres so with 23 acres treated it's about 12%. Again, the state requires at least two weeks between treatments.

So what is happening is - as the planktonic algae accumulates on the lake surface on a calm night, a south wind will blow it to the north shore.

Both Rick and Paul Hausler of Progressive AE felt it was not cost effective to treat every couple of weeks. Paul said he has been in the lake management business for 30 years

and works all over the state. They report seeing more and more algae in the past few years.

There are no good long term solutions at this time. Our



watershed is from 4,000 acres of forest and farm. While Progressive AE did some water quality analysis a couple years ago and found no smoking guns, they mentioned that it is difficult to monitor and would need real time monitoring to monitor the runoff as rain falls. It is very expensive, in the \$100,000 range. A college might be able to do it as a project. They believe there is a heavy phosphorous loading and if it was determined to be a cause, there are some limited treatments that might help, but for a limited number of years and again very pricey.



The boat parade was held on a hot July 4th. There was a lot of great food and comaraderie. While dressed for the holiday, an attendee checks out her cell phone.

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Monday, October 11, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
Logan Township Hall  
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for current activities.

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