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## Spring 2023

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



Rick Buteyn of Progressive Engineering tosses a rake into Hardwood Lake to gather weed samples during his first inspection this year on May 17th. The samples help determine treatments and areas to be treated.

## Lake Association update

As the summer season approaches lake residents look forward to warm days with boating, fishing, swimming and campfires. The season seems too short.

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## Lake Association continued

The lake weed control project continues. It will be year three of a five-year program. Lake treatments are paid through special assessment on property taxes yearly and evaluated every five years. As we near the end of the current assessment a public hearing in 2025 will be held to determine tax rates for the next treatment period.

Treatments will continue in 2023 as in the past. Rick Buteyn, Water Resources Specialist with Progressive Engineering will oversee the treatment. The State permit has been issued. Rick surveyed the lake May 17 to determine weed growth. He will recommend treatment. There is a planned treatment for algae and milfoil before Memorial Day. His firm manages about 90 lakes and has seen large amounts in several lakes in the state. He said planktonic algae will be an ongoing issue and will work to keep it in check.

Maps of areas to be treated will be posted both on the web site and Facebook when they become available.

Rick will return after a few weeks to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment and see if other invasive weeds are growing then determine future treatments. The cycle repeats with lake surveys and treatments.

Lake Association members have requested algae treatments before the three summer holidays. Floating planktonic algae, often referred to as "pond scum" is becoming more of an issue and is difficult to treat. Under state laws and our permit, weeds can be treated in areas only extending up to 100' from shore. The entire lake can't be treated - only those with dwellings. The north shore seems to bear

the brunt of the scum. It floats and on calm nights with a south wind gathers on the north shore.

Last year we discussed phosphorous control issues, which supports vegetation growth in the lake. Some control programs are not proven and costs are far beyond what residents want to spend.

The water volume in the lake is entirely from runoff from about 4,000 acres surrounding the lake. There are a lot of nutrients washed into the lake, including yard fertilizers. Warm weather in the summer accelerates the growth of algae. There were issues last year when algae blooms appeared within days of treatment.

The Hardwood Lake Board meeting was held October 15, 2022. The next meeting will be 7:00 pm October 9, 2023 at the Logan Township Hall.

Members present expressed concern over many ATV's on Hardwood Heights and the speed they are traveling. Slow down!

The annual Lake Association meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 1 at the Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M-55. Discussion will be held on the lake weed control project along with elections for the position of President and four directors.

Lake Board representative, Dave Sommers, will be there to answer questions. His contact information is on the masthead of the newsletter.

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## Boating safety

Many activities revolve around the lake. Whether you enjoy water skiing and tubing, fishing, sailing or a quiet canoe or kayak ride, swimming or a sunset please be courteous and use common sense.

High speed boating is allowed from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm. The hours are state law and adopted by the townships. Obey these laws and remind your guests. There is a warning sign at the boat launch and attempts are being made to put up a sign or two by the docks at the campground.

The law states that boaters need to remain at least 100 feet from docks and other boaters for safety. You are responsible for damage or injuries caused by your wake. You could possibly capsize a kayaker or people fishing in a small boat or damage to docked boats. Think about your own boat crashing against your dock and injuring someone due to a wake by a careless boater. The average ski tow rope is about 75 feet so use that as a distance gauge.

Every motorized boat operator born after June 30, 1996 is required by law to pass a boater safety course and carry a boater education card. In addition, boater education is required for all personal water craft operators (PWC) born after December 31, 1978. Here is a link to an on-line boater safety class and boater laws <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/> Life jackets are required and must be of the proper size for the individual and must be worn when operating a PWC. In boats over 16' a type 4 throwable device is required.

Boaters should travel in a counterclockwise direction around the lake.

## Lake Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 1, 2023  
9:00 A.M.  
Logan Township Hall  
4507 E. M-55

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## Events

Events scheduled for 2023 include a new Golf Cart/ ATV/bicycle parade.

May 27 – Golf Cart “Memorial Day” Parade at 2 pm. Starting at the east end of Hardwood Heights Road.

June 24 – Lake Picnic at the Schafers at 5pm. Possible corn hole tournament for adults and kids with pizza prizes.

July 1 – Lake Meeting, Logan Township Hall at 9 am

July 2 - Kids fun run 10 am.

July 2 – Fourth of July Boat Parade 2 pm.

August 12 – Ice Cream Social on the lake at 2 pm.

October 14 - Halloween Hoot at 4 pm. More information to come. .

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## **High speed boating hours**

### **11 am - 7:30 pm**

Local laws adopted by the State of Michigan allow high speed boating on Hardwood Lake between the hours of 11:00 am and 7:30 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

High speed boating is defined as the boat being on plane.

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*Adopted November 1, 1977*

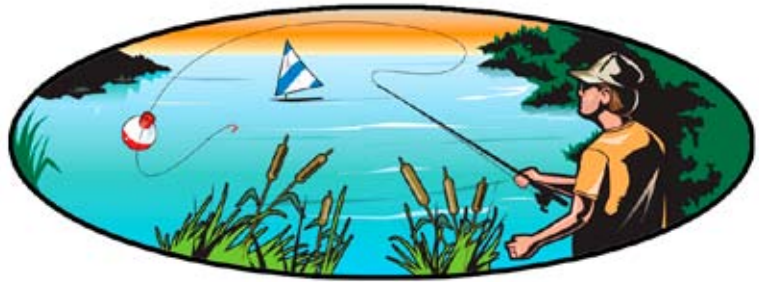
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## Dues Notice

The 2023-2024 Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association dues of \$15 are due. Fiscal year for the lake association is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Some advantages of belonging to the association include newsletters, picnic, meeting refreshments and other events. Visit the web site at [www.hardwoodlake.org](http://www.hardwoodlake.org). In the past, the lake association was instrumental in starting the lake weed control project and road dust control along with the boat parade and other activities.

The newsletter is posted online in color.

Please send payment to:

Sandra Schafer, Secretary / Treasurer  
Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association  
3400 Hardwood Heights  
Prescott, MI 48756

If you have questions call Sandra at 989-274-9210 or email [brsakala@gmail.com](mailto:brsakala@gmail.com)  
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