

# Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association

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## Spring 2024

The newsletter is  
in color on the website and Facebook.



Hardwood Lake lies quiet on a spring morning only a few short weeks away from the activities of Summer.

## Lake Association update

Lake weed control will continue in 2024 as it has for the past 25 years. Rick Buyten, Water Resources Specialist, from Progressive makes monthly inspections of the lake beginning in May. From these inspections he determines the type of herbicide needed to control invasive weeds, then orders the applicator to apply the chemicals usually the next week. Algae, both

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## Lake Association continued

planktonic (green pea soup) and filamentous has become problematic over the past few years. Members of the lake association have requested algae treatments before the three major summer holidays. There will likely be an additional algae treatment in late July to bridge the gap between July 4th and Labor Day. Treatments offer limited and short term relief.

Algae treatments are limited by State regulations basically to about 100 feet from shore in populated areas. About 22 acres out of the 185 acres on Hardwood Lake are treated which leaves a large portion of the lake to grow algae. It is the best that can be done under state regulations.

Rick said, "Mild winters typically yield more growth as plants may go dormant but don't die, allowing them to have a stronger start the next spring. However, it is important to note that lakes may act unpredictably. We may see algae growth earlier this year, but time will tell."

This Spring you received a letter from Solitude Lake Management, the firm that applies herbicide treatments. On page two there was a solicitation for muck management. Rick said, "We asked Solitude to not include the advertisements on our projects as it is meant to only be a document sent to lake residents to satisfy EGLE permitting requirements. We were concerned about questions we would receive regarding the advertisement and muck reduction applications are not scientifically proven to be effective. We do not promote them in our lake management programs."

This was an advertisement from the herbi-

cide application company and not part of the Hardwood Lake Improvement Program or recommended by the consultant.

We are in the 4th year of a 5-year program. Public hearings will take place in the summer of 2025. There will be two hearings held concurrently. The first to determine if property owners wish to continue lake weed control through a special assessment on the tax roll. The second to determine the rate of the special assessment.

The annual **Lake Association meeting** will be held 9:00 am Saturday, July 6 at the Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M 55

After consideration, the Hardwood Lake Association Board decided to increase annual dues from \$15 to \$20. It is the first dues increase in over 40 years and possibly the 50 years of the organization.

The association sponsors many events including kids fun run, golf cart parade, Halloween Hoot, bi-annual picnic, boat parade, ice cream on the lake and maintenance of the sign on Henderson Lake Road. The association also paid for the first algae boom that was installed in the swamp at the east end of the lake.

To make dues payments easier, you can pay via Venmo in addition to checks and cash. A dues renewal form is included in this newsletter which includes Venmo information. Sandra Schafer, secretary/treasurer, asks that you return the dues flyer with your payment. If paying by Venmo she requests you send her updated information by email.

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## HLPO 50th anniversary is

2025 We were established in October 1975. It would be interesting for families that have been on the lake since or before 1975 to share memories. We will collect them and publish in 2025 newsletters. They don't need to be long, just a few paragraphs. Please send your memories to [edithsommers@charter.net](mailto:edithsommers@charter.net) by the end of November 2024.

## Fuller center

Paul Shanahan, a long time resident and member of the Association Board serves as President of The Fuller Center. This is a new organization to the area and a former Habitat for Humanity affiliate. The Reuse Store is located at 116 South 5th Street, West Branch, MI 48661 Phone: 989-345-7085

*By Paul Shanahan*

We, like many other businesses, are still recovering from the Covid shock. At the same time it has brought a spotlight to our organization. The need for used and affordable products to enhance your home is higher than ever. Our daily activities include picking up used (but in good condition) furniture, appliances and household goods and bringing them to our store in West Branch for cleaning and staging for resale. We also sell NEW products like paint (gallon cans), paint supplies, garden tools, bed mattresses and box springs. We even have local artisans that revamp used items into beautiful useable furniture for your cottage or home. They are

one of a kind items that don't stay on the floor long so stop in often. Our friendly staff can help you find something or just browse around yourself.

The Fuller Center for Housing is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization that works in collaboration with their covenant partners (i.e. our store), other service-oriented organizations and countless volunteers to build and repair homes. We, at the local level, use our proceeds by helping folks in need to repair housing issues like plumbing or roofing issues for example. Ultimately, our goal is to build an affordable home in partnership with people who are unable to secure adequate housing by conventional means, giving them a leg up not a hand out.

Previously a Habitat for Humanity franchise, we are now affiliated with The Fuller Center for Housing to better align and serve our local community. In fact, Millard Fuller was the originator of Habitat only later to form this alternate organization providing a grass-roots ministry, recognizing that the real work happens on the ground in communities around the world through our covenant partners — so a large, overseeing bureaucracy isn't needed.



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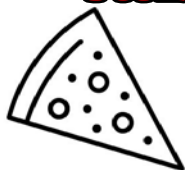
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*Michelle McMorris*

## Upcoming events

### 2024

- Golf Cart Parade, Saturday, May 25, 11 am
- Corn Hole Tourney / Ice Cream, Saturday, June 22, 2 pm
- Kids Fun Run, Thursday, July 4, 10 am
- Boat Parade, Thursday, July 4, 2 pm
- Association Meeting, Saturday, July 6, 9 am
- Ice Cream Social, Saturday, August 17, 7:30 pm

**Lake Board annual meeting  
Monday, October 14, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
Logan Township Hall  
4507 E. M-55**

## • **Its the law** • **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.

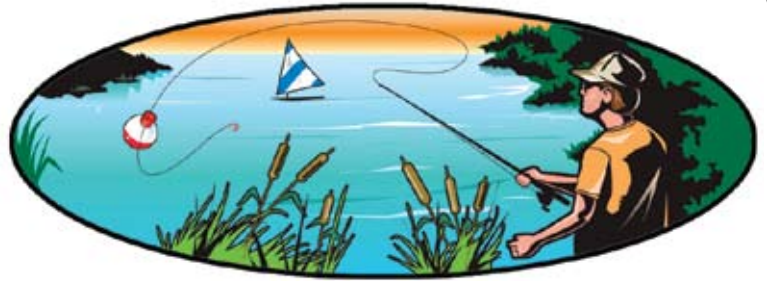
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## Dues Notice

The 2024-2025 Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association dues of \$20 are due. Fiscal year for the lake association is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Some advantages of belonging to the association include newsletters, picnic 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, road dust control along with the boat parade, ATV parade, kids fun run, Halloween Hoot and other activities.

The newsletter is posted online in color.

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Sandra Schafer, Secretary / Treasurer  
Make checks payable to:  
Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association  
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