

# PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION

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## 26TH ANNUAL 'A SUMMER DAY IN PARADISE'

*By Tiffany Evans*



*Marilyn Smith shared this photo of one of the 36 parade entries.*

The 26th annual 'A Summer Day in Paradise' was a success! 'A Summer Day in Paradise' always begins with our Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Dom Bertollini drove the Harbor Lights Grille Food Truck to the Carp Lake Township Pavilion and everyone enjoyed pancakes and sausage hot off the griddle! The breakfast raised \$390 for the PLA.

After the Pancake Breakfast, folks returned home to put

the finishing touches on their parade vehicles. We had 36 amazing entries! The parade candy thrown from nearly every vehicle was quickly grabbed up by kids and adults.

The day finished with a beautiful, late-night fireworks display over our beloved Paradise Lake.

Thank you for your participation. It's a joy to see our community enjoy a gorgeous summer day.

## LETTER FROM OUR PLA PRESIDENT

Hi All!!! Another year in the books for the PLA. What a great first year I have had with your help. I would first like to announce and thank those that have stepped up to continue on the board and to those who are new to the board. President Angie Berry, Vice President Dale Berry, Treasurer Rob Miller, and Secretary Karen Valot. Trustees: John Morrison, Mary Lu Norton, Dave Milne, and Mike Madden. Seasonal Trustees: George Bearden, Mary Lou Olds, Tiffany Evans and John Enzenauer.

I would also like to thank Barry Potter for 10 years of service being the treasurer for our association. Hope you enjoy your next endeavor in life whatever it may be.

The association has scheduled the monthly meetings through September 2024 and is gearing up for the ice fishing tournament. If you are interested in volunteering, we would love the additional help.

If you have not, please renew your PLA

membership and think about getting involved with a PLA event or committee--we can use all the help we can. Also, we would like to reach out to any potential member and let them know what we do and see if they are interested in any of our events.



*Angie and her husband, Dale, boating by the Mackinac Bridge.*

### NEWSLETTER PHOTOS & ARTICLES

**Your participation is wanted!** If you have photos, article ideas, or a desire to write, contact Tiffany at 616-889-2819.

# WHAT IS THE PLA?

## MISSION

The mission of the Paradise Lake Association is to promote community preservation and conservation efforts to ensure the healthy future of Paradise Lake and its surrounding watershed.



*Lily pads near the shore at Chubb's Marina.*

## VISION

A strong and effective community working together to promote conservation efforts to protect Paradise Lake and its surrounding watershed. Our community will be local citizens, community groups, state, provincial, regional, and national groups to create synergy for the protection of the Paradise Lake region.

A healthy lake ecosystem that supports the well-being of the people of the region, provides recreational opportunities, includes a sustainable fishery, and provides natural habitat for wildlife and fowl.

## PURPOSE | GOALS

—Promote an understanding and appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of owners of riparian lands;

—Do all things and take such actions as may be necessary or desirable to protect and preserve the environment of the area of Paradise Lake watershed, including connecting creeks, rivers, streams, and wetlands;

—Help solve problems common to the members involving lake level, water safety, pollution, weed control, and indiscriminate or over development of the waterfront which could lead to overuse of the waters or deterioration of their quality;

—Cooperate or otherwise interact with Federal, State, and local government bodies and other organizations concerned with water quality and environmental issues and to advance their programs to the extent they shall improve, develop, benefit, or serve the area;

—Undertake periodic scientific tests of the quality of water in Paradise Lake and take actions, which preserve the clean pure waters contained therein. The results of said tests shall be published and made available to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis;

—Assist in the acquisition, establishment, maintenance, and protection of nature preserves, wilderness and other protected areas in the general vicinity of Paradise Lake and its connecting creeks, streams, rivers, and wetlands.

*Stony Point Nature Preserve at sunset.*



# YOUR PLA LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to your 2023-2024 PLA Leadership. Positions are one-year appointments from August to August. Elections take place at the Annual Potluck Meeting every August. We're always looking for new faces to further the mission of the Paradise Lake Association. Many hands make light work!

## OFFICERS



**Angie Berry**  
President



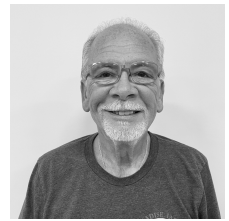
**Dale Berry**  
Vice President



**Rob Miller**  
Treasurer



**Karen Valot**  
Secretary



**Greg Torsky**  
Past President

## TRUSTEES



**Mike Madden**



**Dave Milne**



**John Morrison**



**Mary Lu Norton**

## SEASONAL TRUSTEES



**George Bearden**



**John Enzenauer**



**Tiffany Evans**



**Mary Lou Olds**

## PLA MEMBERSHIP

Visit the Paradise Lake Association website at [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org) to join or renew your membership. For \$20/year, you receive water quality updates, walleye planting, native plants at the Bear Triangle, the quarterly newsletter and more!

# PLA CALENDAR

## 2023

### September

(5) PLA Board Meeting  
(28) Adopt-A-Highway cleanup  
PLA Quarterly Newsletter

### October

(3) PLA Board Meeting  
(17) Bear Triangle volunteering  
Walleye Stocking

### November

(2) PLA Board Meeting  
PLA Quarterly Newsletter

### December

(5) PLA Board Meeting

## 2024

### January

(2) PLA Board Meeting  
(13) Ice Fishing Tournament

### February

(6) PLA Board Meeting  
PLA Quarterly Newsletter

### March

PLA Scholarship Application available

### April

PLA Scholarship Application due  
Paradise Lake Water Monitoring Update

### May

(7) PLA Board Meeting  
PLA Quarterly Newsletter  
PLA Scholarship Winner announced  
Bear Triangle volunteering

### June

(4) PLA Board Meeting  
Adopt-A-Highway cleanup  
Bear Triangle volunteering

GET INVOLVED

#### BEAR TRIANGLE VOLUNTEERING: 10AM

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Meet at the Bear Triangle. If you have them, bring gardening gloves+tools.

#### PLA BOARD MEETINGS: 7PM

Carp Lake Township Hall  
6339 E. Gill Road

More info coming  
in the November  
Newsletter.  
Stay tuned!

### July

(2) PLA Board Meeting  
27th Annual A Summer Day in Paradise  
Bear Triangle volunteering

### August

(4) PLA Annual Board Meeting w/Elections & Potluck  
PLA Quarterly Newsletter  
Bear Triangle volunteering

### September

(3) PLA Board Meeting  
Bear Triangle volunteering  
Adopt-A-Highway cleanup

## GOT QUESTIONS?

Have a question? Want to volunteer? Need more information? Text or call Tiffany at 616-889-2819 and I'll get you headed in the right direction!



# BEAR TRIANGLE

Every Spring, PLA volunteers gather at the Bear Triangle to prepare the flower bed for a beautiful summer show. Native plants like Black Eyed Susan, Coneflower, Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Coreopsis, and Columbine are seen flowering throughout the season. Throughout the summer months, the bed is weeded and watered.

If you're interested in learning more about native plants and how they support the local ecosystem, stop by one of our summer volunteer days at the Bear Triangle.



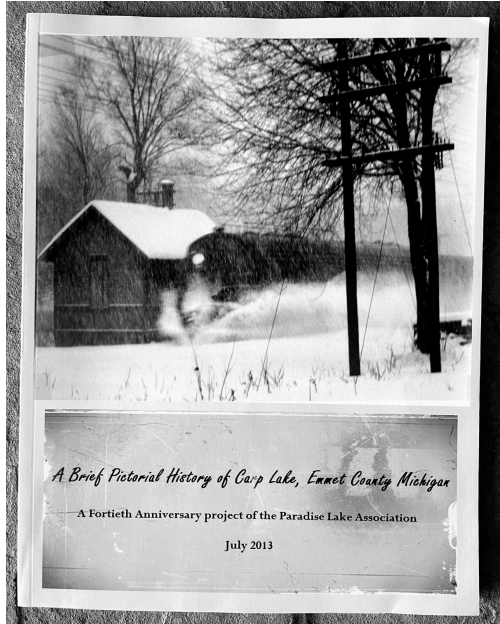
*Thanks to Mary Enzenauer and Mary Lu Norton for their photo submissions.*

## SPECIAL THANKS



Marilyn Smith has spearheaded the PLA Newsletter for many years. She kept us informed of PLA events and local news. This summer, Marilyn stepped out of her role and passed the torch to Tiffany Evans. Thank you, Marilyn, for your years of hard work and dedication to the PLA and the community.

# SEEK AND FIND



In 2013, the PLA compiled the history of Carp Lake into a treasured book. This quarter's SEEK & FIND answer is in this book.

**According to Mrs. Hayes, what was her remedy for Whooping Cough?**

Submit your name and answer by 11/01 to Tiffany at 616-889-2819. All correct submissions will be put in a drawing for a \$5 gift certificate to the Carp Lake General Store. The winner of the drawing will be announced in the November newsletter!

For \$20, you can get your copy of **A Brief Pictorial History of Carp Lake, Emmet County Michigan** at the Carp Lake General Store, Chubb's Marina, or Harbor Lights Grille.

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