



# PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

Since Michigan, with all of its wonderful water resources, is still reported to be the only U.S. state without a statewide septic ordinance of any kind, the following information should raise hope to individuals who wish for stronger septic regulations.

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING COOPERATION IN DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND SIGNATORY ORGANIZATIONS

National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) National Association of Wastewater Transporters, Inc. (NA WT) National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) National Environmental Services Center (NESC) National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, Inc. (NOWRA) Rural Community Assistance Partnership, Inc. (RCAP) Water Environment Federation (WEF) Consortium of Institutes for Decentralized Wastewater Treatment (CIDWT)

**Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to formalize the ongoing cooperative relationship between the EPA and the Signatory Organizations in order to effectively address issues pertaining to decentralized wastewater treatment systems. The MOU is intended to facilitate cooperation, collaboration, consultation, coordination, and effective communication between the EPA and the Signatory Organizations. **Objectives:** The objectives of this MOU are to:

**A.** Strengthen external partnerships. **B.** Improve decentralized wastewater treatment system performance through improved practitioner competency, management practices, and technology transfer. **C.** Improve accountability, control, and oversight through enhanced state, tribal and local program implementation. **D.** Improve local decision-making through improved public awareness, education programs and information materials. **E.** Support the principles outlined in the Voluntary Management Guidelines and Management Handbook for Decentralized Systems prepared by EPA's Office of Wastewater Management.

**Duration of Agreement:** The duration of this document is three years. Any Signatory Organization may withdraw, in whole or in part, with written notice to EPA and the other Signatory Organizations. This document may be updated and periodically amended with consent of all Signatory Organizations.

Merely the movement of this Memorandum of Understanding might give environmental organizations in the state of Michigan the initiative to pursue and encourage a statewide Michigan septic tank ordinance. We can always hope.

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### PLA GOALS

- \*To encourage the best possible water quality of Paradise Lake
- \*To stress communication, education and promotion about and for the Paradise Lake area
- \*To promote fish management
- \*To promote boat safety
- \*To complete a visible community improvement project



<u>PLA 2015 ACTIVITIES</u>	
Saturday a.m.	CBCW
June 27	DEQ Landing Blitz
July 04	A Summer Day in Paradise
August 1	Boating Safety Class
August 2	Annual Meeting/Election
Sept 19	Fall Bike tour

<u>PLA OFFICERS</u>	
President:	Greg Torsky
Vice President:	Donna Karbowski
Treasurer:	Barry Potter
Secretary:	Jolene Michaels
Trustees:	Terry Burge, Mary Lu Norton, Jim Pauling, Betty Waak
Past President:	Mary Lu Norton
Summer Trustees:	Dale Berry, Dick Guernsev, Pennv McGaffin, Stephanie Patil

<u>2015 PLA BOARD MEETING DATES</u>		
Members & Public Welcome		
January 6	May 7	September 1
	June 2	October 6
	July 7	November 5
April 7	Aug 2 (Sunday)	December 1

# *Letter from the President...*



Here we are at the end of another summer in Paradise. As they say “time flies by when you are having fun”.

We had a fun and successful pancake breakfast and parade. Attendance for both events was up this year. Thanks to everyone who helped with these events and we look forward to next year.

Reports of successful fishing are great this season. Lots of bass, pan fish, walleye and pike are being reported. Blue gill fishing is the best it has been in years.

The water level in the lake is very low this year, in part due to the lack of rain this summer. Perhaps a rainy fall will help raise the water level.

The Eurasian milfoil problem continues to decline. We are in the fourth year of the five year program to eradicate this pesky weed. Hopefully we can continue with this program into the 2 lake of this intrusive weed.

We have several new board members and trustees this year. I am confident that the current board and trustees will carry on and strive to continue to keep up the fine efforts and work of our predecessors.

I would like to encourage all PLA members to be active and participate in our activities. Even if you just come to meetings and find out what is going on. Also, if you have friends and neighbors who aren’t current members, encourage them to join the PLA.

.....*Greg*

**Upgrade your environment and you upgrade your life**

# PLA NEWS

## DEQ/DNR LANDING BLITZ

June 27<sup>th</sup> was the date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual DEQ/DNR “Landing Blitz” at the MDNR Public access site on Paradise Lake. Betty Waak and Marilyn Smith were in attendance representing the Paradise Lake Association (PLA). Handouts and literature were provided by the MDEQ, Paradise Lake Improvement Board, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the PLA. The purpose of the continuing statewide Landing Blitz program is to educate the boating public about preventative measures to be taken to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). The format is much like our Clean Boats clean Waters program.

## CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS (CBCW)

PLA volunteers Dick Elliott, Greg Torsky, Betty Waak, Mary Lu Norton, Cathy Freebairn and Marilyn Smith conducted a CBCW program each Saturday morning this summer at the MDNR Public Access on Paradise Trail. 2015 is the 4<sup>th</sup> summer that the PLA has endorsed this program. Key floats, dry towels, AIS identification cards and educational literature are among the items given to boaters to encourage using our boat wash station and learning how to identify and eliminate the spread of aquatic invasive species. Join us next summer as an effective volunteer. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

## ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The PLA annual meeting and election of officers was held on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM at the Township Park on Paradise Trail. Resulting officers are:

President:	Greg Torsky	Trustee: Terry Burge	Summer Trustee: Dale Berry
Vice President:	Donna Karbowski	Trustee: Mary Lu Norton	Summer Trustee: Dick Guernsey
Treasurer:	Barry Potter	Trustee: Jim (JP) Pauling	Summer Trustee: Penny McGaffin
Secretary:	Jolene Michaels	Trustee: Betty Waak	Summer Trustee: Stephanie Patil

It was a day with lots of bonuses. We gained an impressive slate of officers to carry our organization forward, excellent pot luck dinner, stimulating conversation with fun people and rain to keep us from drying up. The rain continues to turn Northern Michigan green again.

## PLA WEBSITE

The PLA website is [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org). The email is [paradise.lake.lover@paradiselakeassociation.org](mailto:paradise.lake.lover@paradiselakeassociation.org).

The following email addresses are available:

Members can **submit photos** to [photo@paradiselakeassociation.org](mailto:photo@paradiselakeassociation.org)

Members can **reach a given board member** at specific email addresses noted on website or email all board members using [board@paradiselakeassociation.org](mailto:board@paradiselakeassociation.org)

**Polls and surveys** are collected through a back end service of the website, no need for email address to collect results unless we take input by email. Then you can use [paradise.lake.lover@paradiselakeassociation.org](mailto:paradise.lake.lover@paradiselakeassociation.org).

We are happy to be able to share valid information with you and keep you informed of lake and community interests.



**LOOSESTRIFE BEETLES...**The PLA purchased 1000 Loosestrife (Galerucella) Beetles through TOMWC. On June 10<sup>th</sup> PLA volunteers assisted two TOMWC summer interns, Matt Claucherty and Mackenzie Dix, in placing the beetles. Plants were already stunted and riddled with holes from previous planting of 100

beetles 5 years previously. This late summer only 4 plants were found with blooms in a 2 mile stretch of Sommers Road. Those plants were pulled to prevent seeds forming. The goal is to have the beetles continue to control the growth of invasive purple loosestrife near our shoreline.

## **PLA MEMBERSHIP**

**If you are interested in Paradise Lake and the Carp Lake community you will want to renew or start a new PLA membership. Our lake area beauty draws us, then the informative newsletters, periodic e-mail notices and fun events will keep you coming back. The address label on the front of this newsletter indicates the year through which you have paid your dues. Applications are available on Carp Lake Post Office Lobby Bulletin Board or on [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org). Invite your neighbor to join. Our membership year is from January 1st through December 31st. ....*Stay Informed!!*.....**

### **“Welcome” to the new members of our Paradise Lake Association board**

Below are brief introductions in their own words.....

#### **Treasurer, Jolene Michaels**

Jolene Michaels is director of the Mackinaw Area Public Library which covers all of northern Emmet County and portions of Cheboygan County. She lives in Isabel Potter’s stone house on Paradise Trail across from the log cabin that has been turned into a junk yard.

#### **Trustee, Jim (JP) Pauling**

James Pauling, also known as J.P., I have lived at 8199 Paradise Trail for just over twenty years. My brother Rex, who lives in California, and I own just over 13 acres adjacent to the township park. I have lived in the area for 35 years. Currently I am the bar manager at Douglas Lake Steakhouse. Previously I have been employed as a manager in either the restaurant or ferry line businesses, spending 1996-2012 on the Arnold Line Mackinaw City Dock.

I have served as a board member on both the Mackinaw Area Chamber of Commerce and the Mackinaw Tourist Bureau (for 10 years). I have also assisted in numerous fundraisers and events, such as Audie’s Golf Open, and Hops of Fun a Mackinaw Tourist Bureau event.

#### **Summer Trustee, Stephanie Patil**

I have been a Carp Lake lover since 1984 and a seasonal resident at our little cottage near Stony Point since 2010. My retirement 'jobs' downstate in Southfield feature my passion for growing things -- as a volunteer master gardener at a local community farm, and a volunteer conservation steward for a local native plant garden. I have also helped a small local restoration project over the last 8 years. I am looking forward to working with others who love nature in general and Carp Lake in particular!

#### **Summer Trustee, Penny McGaffin**

My parents were both raised in Pellston. I was born in Petoskey, soon after we moved to Lansing. I raised my 2 children, Mark & Danielle, in Charlotte, Michigan. I fulfilled my life-long dream by moving to Northern Michigan 20 years ago and have worked in Mackinaw City the entire time. My first job was as sales, banquet & marketing director for 4 hotels in Mackinaw for 2.5 years. The next 5 years I was the director of the Mackinaw City Chamber Commerce and currently I am branch manager for PNC Bank. I have been in the Mackinaw City Lions Club for the past 15 years. Served as a board of director for the Mackinaw City Downtown Development Board, Great Lakes Lighthouse Museum, Paradise Lake Association, Mackinaw City Women's Club, Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau, Mackinaw City Ambassadors and Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce. I also am the gardener/weed patrol for the Carp Lake Triangle in front of the post office!

I purchased my home in Carp Lake 11 years ago. I love yard work, boating and snowmobiling. I have 5 beautiful grandchildren ages 23 to 15.

## Lots of Fun on Paradise Lake



The Chris Alexander family and friends (*left and center*) enthusiastically enjoyed the 6<sup>th</sup> annual “Swim across Paradise Lake” this summer. Approximately 20 young people participated. Thane Gysel (*right, son of Libra Gysel and Cliff Rigsbee*) also does a “lake swim” annually when he is back in Carp Lake. He combines his swim with a bike ride to Mackinaw City and a run from Mackinaw City back to Carp Lake creating his own personal triathlon. Both “lake swims” begin with boats taking the swimmers to the south shore and then following for safety as they swim back to the north shore. Thane also sets up a ski slalom angled from their north shore property. We love people in love with our lake!!!!

### **PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (PLIB)**

The next PLIB meeting will be September 16, 2015 at the Carp Lake town hall at 7:00 PM. Additional bacterial/enzymes were placed in both the west basin and the northeast milfoil bed in July. Appreciation is voiced to the PLIB for treatment choices resulting in the great condition of our lake this summer.

**[A workshop presented by Restorative Lake Sciences is scheduled for Sept 26 from noon until 4 pm. It will consist of aquatic plant samples from Paradise Lake and the opportunity to look at each up close. In addition, there will be aquatic insects and other specimens, information on lake aeration, lake health, depth contour and other colorful maps of Paradise Lake and other information pertinent to the water quality of the lake. Do not miss this chance to become more acquainted with your lake.](#)**

The PLIB mailing address is P.O. Box 52, Carp Lake, MI 49718-0052, e-mail address is [paradiselib@gmail.com](mailto:paradiselib@gmail.com) and website is [www.paradiselakeimprovementboard.com](http://www.paradiselakeimprovementboard.com). This website is the official valid source of information regarding PLIB minutes, reports and business.

Share: *a pinch of patience, a dash of kindness, a spoonful of laughter, a heap of love*



Work + Fun + Food = Yummy Pancake Breakfast



Community Parade at its Finest!

## Celebrate Paradise Lake Eagles!!!



Who needs a fishing pole? *Photo credit John (Willis) Enzenaeur*



Immature eagle in flight training...*Dick Elliott*



Eagle at dock...*Annie Coffin/Roy Alexander*



Eagle enjoying an interesting snack....*Anne Stanard*

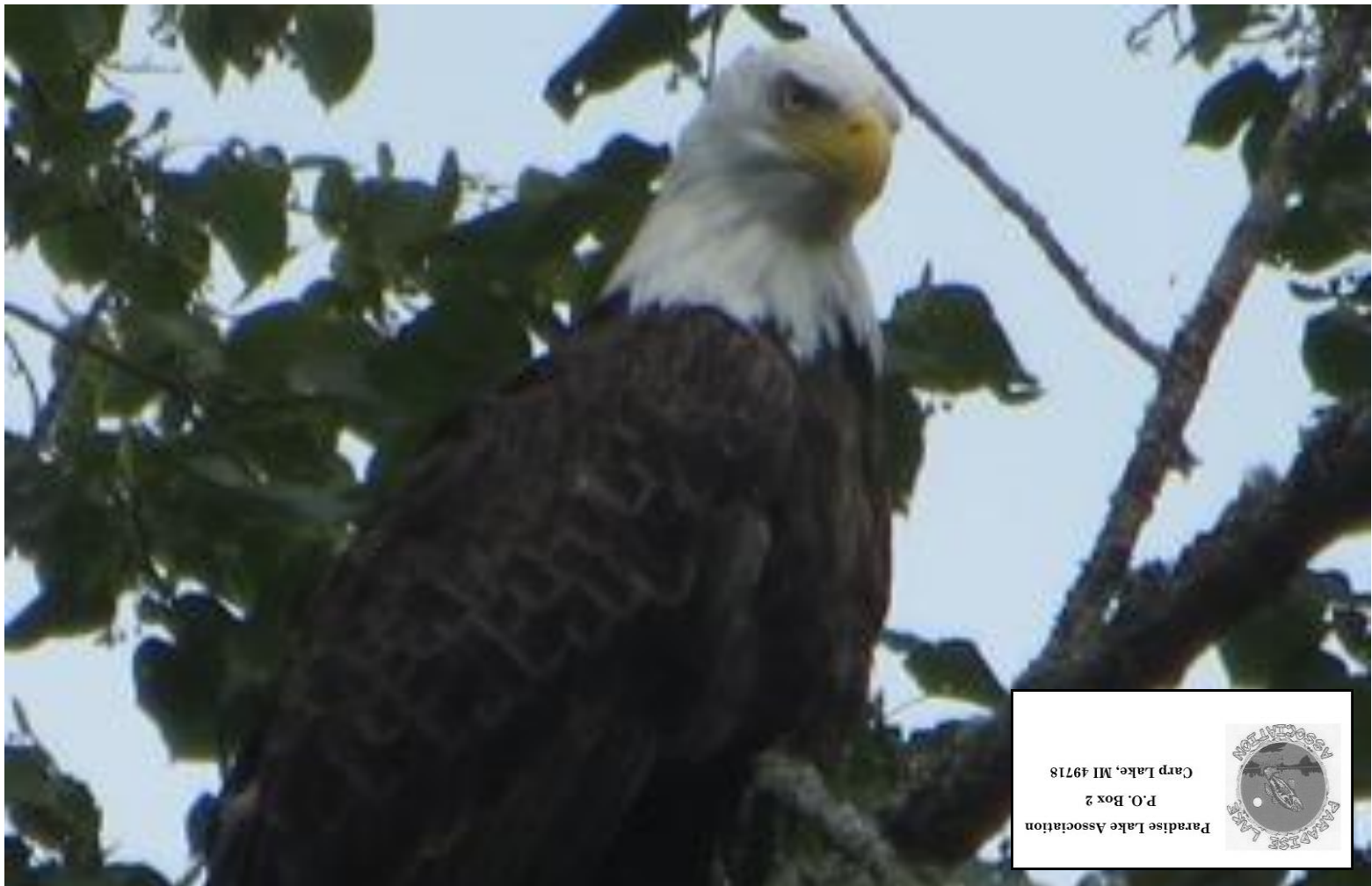


Our Regal Symbol.....*Dick Elliott*



Industrious PLA volunteers Greg Torsky, Bob Smith, Donna Karbowski and Terry Burge spread a new layer of mulch in the beautiful rain garden at the MDNR public access site. Can you tell we add fun to our labor? Paul Karbowski and Marilyn Smith also assisted.

**Good News...We have two pair of loons again this summer, fledging one baby each. Thank goodness our lake is a pristine habitat to help the loons survive!! There will be a presentation about loons at the PLA meeting on October 6, 2015, 7 PM at the Carp Lake township hall. Come, listen and learn!!**



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