



PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Dear Aquavists – back in late April, I sent the alert about bad anti-DEQ bills: After Senate Bill 652 and Senate Bill 653 passed the House on a close vote (57-51), the bills must now return to the Senate because of changes made by the House. That is expected to happen quickly, after which the package would move to the desk of Governor Snyder.

There is not much time, but if you want to weigh in and try to stop passage, we advise **CALLING** your Senate office to put on the pressure. For those of you who have Wayne Schmidt as a Senator, his number is: (517) 373-2413. If you are somewhere else in the state, you can find your Senator’s contact information here: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/fysbyaddress.html>

If it gets to the Governor, we will be asking him to veto. These bills will impact efforts at the local level. **Here is why we don’t like them:**

These bills essentially **defer critical decisions** about the protection of Michigan’s natural resources and public health to **unelected, unaccountable individuals who have financial stake** in the very industries they would be charged with regulating. That is simply NOT environmental protection. It is protection of polluters, pure and simple.

Senate Bill 652 creates an environmental rules review committee--stacked with representatives from polluting industries--which is empowered to oversee DEQ rulemaking, amend DEQ draft rules, and offer final approval or denial of all environmental rules proposed by the DEQ. Senate Bill 653 establishes a permit appeals panel with the authority to unilaterally overturn, amend, or approve any permitting decisions made by DEQ.

The Department of Environmental Quality -- the state agency charged with protecting our natural resources -- would no longer have the final say on matters of public health and environmental protection. This is terrible for us, at the local level. We work with local DEQ field offices every week on various issues that arise in our 4-county service area.

The Inland Lakes and Streams Act, the Wetland Protection Program the Great Lakes Submerged Bottomlands Act and the Aquatic Nuisance Species are the laws we deal with at the local level. These laws all have permit requirements, and the Watershed Council often comments on these permit applications, and work with the applicants and DEQ to ensure developments are done sustainably. These bills could allow the permit appeals panel to overturn permit decisions, as noted above, by stakeholders who are only protecting vested interests – not the environment or our unique water resources.

We hope you will lend your voice and efforts to stopping the Fox from ruling the Henhouse, Grenetta Tomassey, Policy Director, TOMWC

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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



Loon family by Angie Berry

<u>PLA 2018 ACTIVITIES</u>	
Saturday a.m.	CBCW
June 09	Spring Bike Tour
July 07	A Summer Day in Paradise
July 28	Boating Safety Class
August 5	Annual Meeting/Election
Sept 15	Fall Bike tour

<u>PLA OFFICERS</u>	
President:	Greg Torsky
Vice President:	Donna Karbowski
Treasurer:	Barry Potter
Secretary:	Jolene Michaels
Trustees:	Terry Burge, Mike Madden, Mary Lu Norton, Jim Pauling
Summer Trustees:	George Bearden, Dale Berry, Dick Elliott, Paul Karbowski

<u>2018 PLA BOARD MEETING DATES</u>		
Members & Public Welcome		
January 2	June 5	September 4
February 6	July 3	October 2
May 1	Aug 5 (Sunday)	November 8
		December 4



From the Desk of the President.....

Hey, what happened to Spring? Seems like we went from winter to summer this year and completely skipped Spring.

After a late ice out, the lake is once again a lovely blue, sparkling in the sunlight. The geese, loons, ducks, mergansers - - - and even the cormorants have returned. Fishermen have already been catching many pike, walleye and bass.

Your Paradise Lake Association is preparing for a busy summer. Plans are underway for our summer festival with our annual pancake breakfast and parade. This will be the second year for Dale and Angie Berry's World Famous BBQ.

June 9th was the Shoreline Bike Tour with PLA hosting a refreshment/rest stop at its new location at the township pavilion on Paradise Trail. Also for the second year the PLA is sponsoring pickleball. Come join the fun at the township tennis court.

As you can see it will be another busy summer. We sure could use your help. If you have an hour or two to help out we would surely appreciate it. You can contact me for more information 231-758-0586 or gtorsky@yahoo.com.

Enjoy your summer.....Greg

When it *Rains* Look for *Rainbows* +++----->>

<<<-----+++When it's *Dark* Look for *Stars****** *FionaChilds.com*



PLA NEWS

2018 OFFICIAL PARADISE LAKE "ICE OUT"

Thursday, May 3, 2018 was determined to be the official "Ice Out" on Paradise Lake this spring. John Siegel and Clinton Weatherwax chose April 30th and were the experts who used their scientific skills to calculate closest to May 3rd. When you see them, recognize them with all the respect due to their status of "FAMOUS PEOPLE!!" No one was closer to the official date, but Mary Enzenauer chose May 12th, the only May guess. Mary Madigan chose her traditional July 4th. We seem to be getting closer to Mary's yearly guess!!

PLA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

June 2nd was the high school graduation ceremony at Mackinaw City High School where Mya Curth was awarded the \$1000 scholarship from the PLA. Mya's chosen field of study is Environmental Law. Her application was very complete, sharing her love of natural places and her academic accomplishments and community involvement. Congratulations Mya! Our world needs more young people with her commitment.

LOON RAFT PLACEMENT

PLA volunteers put the loon nesting raft back in Paradise Lake in May. The raft was purchased from a local group called Loon Corps. The purpose of the nesting raft is to provide a possible additional nesting site on our lake. We have been fortunate enough to host 2 pair of nesting loons for at least three years. Loon Corps says our lake is large enough to support a third pair of loons. Anyone who loves loons has to respect the decision to remain chemical free in our lake environment if at all possible. Doesn't it feel wonderful to encourage more loons to replace those dying in other places?

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS (CBCW)

PLA volunteers will conduct a CBCW program each Saturday morning this summer at the MDNR Public Access on Paradise Trail. 2018 is the 7th 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 as an assistant volunteer. **YOU CAN LEARN, SHARE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

BIKE TOUR REST STOP

June 9th was the day of the Big Mac Spring Shoreline Scenic Bike Tour. The Mackinaw Chamber coordinates the ride and provides healthy snacks and beverages for the bikers. The PLA provided a rest stop for the bikers at the Carp Lake Pavilion on Paradise Trail. Karen Valot headed up the team of PLA volunteers, ready to offer assistance and conversation. The rest stop was at Mary Madigan's residence on Gill Road in previous years. Thanks to Mary and Karen and volunteers for their willingness to support this community event!!

SUMMER DAY IN PARADISE

The PLA has hosted a summer festival, "A Summer Day in Paradise" for 21 years. See page 6 of this newsletter to find scheduled details of the festival.

PLA MEMBERSHIP

Our lake area beauty draws us, and 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. If you are interested in Paradise Lake and the Carp Lake community you will want to renew or start a new PLA membership. The Applications are available on the PLA website: www.paradiselakeassociation.org. Invite your neighbor to join. Our membership year is from January 1st through December 31st.*Stay Informed!!*.....

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WATER QUALITY TESTING

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC) has trained volunteers to collect water samples and conduct water clarity tests on our lake for over 30 years. TOMWC analyzes the results and we post them for member information in our March newsletter. Cathy Freebairn will be learning the sampling procedures from Dick Elliott this spring. Dick has conducted the weekly summer sampling for several years. Kudos to both Dick and Cathy for their willingness to accept this important task for our lake data information and protection. **Is there a volunteer willing to be back up for Cathy?**

BOATING SAFETY CLASS

Saturday, July 28th is the tentative scheduled day for the Boating Safety Class, held from 9 am until 3 pm. at the Carp Lake Township Hall. Emmet County Sheriff Marine Officers will conduct the class. Call 231-439-8900 to register. Attendees must be at least 12 years old and at least 10 people must sign up for the class to be held in Carp Lake. A Boating Safety Certificate will be issued to those passing the class. Bring pen and pencil and a lunch. Thanks to PLA trustee Dick Elliott for coordinating this important event for the community for several years. Dick is passing the baton to Mike Madden to schedule for future years. Safe Boating is Happy Boating!

DEQ AIS LANDING BLITZ

The 5th annual 2018 Aquatic Invasive Species Landing Blitz will be held at the Paradise Lake public access site on Saturday June 30th! Towels, key chains, water bottles and current information on preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species between bodies of water will be handed out by your PLA volunteers. Stop by and chat. To date the Michigan DEQ has 57 host locations signed up for this year's event.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, August 5, 2018 will be the date of the PLA Annual Membership Meeting, held at the Carp Lake Township pavilion on Paradise Trail. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. with a pot luck lunch, beverages provided. Please bring your tableware and a dish to share. The meeting and election of officers will follow the lunch. Good friends, good food, good information!! Stay informed.

PLA WEBSITE

The PLA website is www.paradiselakeassociation.org. The email is paradise.lake.lover@paradiselakeassociation.org. Members can **submit photos** to photo@paradiselakeassociation.org and contact board members board@paradiselakeassociation.org.

PICKLEBALL has arrived in Carp Lake thanks to the PLA (Paradise Lake Association)
Pickleball is an easy-to-learn game that is played on a badminton-size court. A plastic "whiffle" ball is hit with a solid, smooth paddle. The object of the game is to hit the ball over the net to the opponent in such a way that it cannot be returned successfully. The game can be played with either 2 or 4 players.
Pickleball is enjoyed by players of all ages and skill levels, especially "older" adults.
Free instructions will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 am and Sunday at 7 pm at the township pavilion tennis courts. Play will be on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 am at the Mackinaw City Rec Center. All equipment will be available to you at no charge, just wear tennis or court style shoes.
A great way to get some exercise, and have fun doing it. Try it – You'll like it!
For questions or additional information contact Mike Madden 989 640-0535

Almost every successful person begins with two beliefs: the future can be better than the present and they have the power to make it so. *#wisdom #affirmations*



Community Notes

PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (PLIB)

The 2018 PLIB meetings will be July 11th, September 12th and November 14th at the Carp Lake town hall at 7:00 PM. Your PLIB has agreed to purchase a surface suction boat to capture floating EWM particles before they deteriorate. Watch for locally posted times that the boat will be coming near your shoreline to suction near shore floating weeds. Volunteers will be welcome to assist removing weeds.....much easier than forking and hauling away. The PLIB mailing address is P.O. Box 52, Carp Lake, MI 49718-0052, e-mail address is paradiselib@gmail.com and website is www.paradiselakeimprovementboard.com. This website is the official valid source of information regarding PLIB minutes, reports and business.

CARP LAKE TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, June 23rd from 9 am to 3 pm is the annual Carp Lake Township clean-up date. The site is at the gravel pit on Schmalzried Road, ½ mile west of US 31. Township residents only, bring proof of property ownership. There will be a separate container to collect any item with metal attached, even anything with a power cord. **PROHIBITED ITEMS ARE:** construction materials from contractors, toxic liquids, yard waste, household garbage, concrete, bricks or blocks, mattresses or TV's. A MDEQ grant allows acceptance of tires. More than 4 tires can be taken to Emmet County transfer station. No charge to dispose of accepted items except \$20 per frig. Flyers around the area have details. To dispose of toxic materials, call Emmet County Household Chemical Drop Off line at 231-348-0640. Call Paul Teike if you need help with heavy items or would like to volunteer to help with clean-up day. Site opened for yard waste at other times by calling 989-906-0428.

This Earth....with its great green trees....its infinite life...and boundless beauty...the only earth there'll ever be----

These Waters....of deep springs of rivers and lakes....drops of dew....and clouds above....all the water there has ever been....all....there will ever be----

The air all around....that everything must breathe....over and over....forever and ever----

Love this earth....love it as much as life itself....earth from which all life has come....earth to which all life returns----

Love its waters....and keep them clean....water on which all life depends....Love clear air....care enough to keep it clear...clear enough to see the stars----

And earth will remain....beyond time----Gwen Frostic

Gwen Frostic (1906-2001) Day in Michigan was May 23rd. She was an artist, an author, and an icon for the environment in Michigan. Visit www.gwenfrostic.com for her story and catalog of items to purchase..

21st ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018



PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 8 TO 11 AM

PROVIDED BY THE PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION AT THE CARP LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL

\$6 ADULTS - \$3.00 12 AND UNDER - UNDER 5 FREE

GET YOUR T-SHIRT AND BASEBALL CAP WITH EAGLE LOGO

9 am until gone Delicious Baked Goods by The Bliss Bunch

Also Gently Used Treasures

Located at the Old Station Grounds

12 Noon.....until they run out.

BBQ

Come enjoy Dale & Angie Berry's world famous BBQ pork, BBQ chicken, baked beans.

Located on Paradise Lake Marina grounds

Donations accepted Proceeds to the PLA

1 P.M. STREET PARADE ON PARADISE TRAIL

LINE UP ON WHEELING ROAD AT 12:30 – PROCEED TO PUBLIC ACCESS

JOIN IN!!

COMMUNITY FUN DEPENDS ON YOU—SHOW US YOUR STYLE!!

7 P.M... FLOTILLA ON THE LAKE ...ANCHOR YOUR BOAT IN THE

MIDDLE OF THE LAKE, TIE UP WITH OTHERS, BRING FINGER FOOD AND
BEVERAGES, SHARE & CHAT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

EVERYONE WELCOME...TIME FOR RELAXATION & FUN

[Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Approved in 2018 Budget](#)

The PLA June 2017 newsletter contained an article about the proposed national budget cutting all Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding, and we asked you, our members to oppose the cutting of those important protection funds to our Great Lakes area. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of you and our U.S. Senators, these funds were fully restored in the final budget package. We send a huge **“THANKS”** to each and every one of you who commented. **You can make a difference!!**

Please voice your appreciation to your senator. Also visit page 1 of our newsletter to read the next attack on our Michigan environment and let your voices once again make a difference. To assist you, we have provided the following contact information for our Michigan U.S.senators as well as our 1st District US representative. Contact information can be found online for all State congressional representatives.

U.S.Senator Debbie Stabenow 202 224 4822

U.S Senator Garry Peters 202 224 6221

U.S. Representative Jack Bergman 202 225 4735

Lake Paradise – 2017 Synopsis from Oakland University, Harmful Algal Bloom study, in cooperation with MDEQ, Wayne State University and Lake Superior State University. We measure microcystins by two methods: Adda ELISA and Liquid Chromatography Mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS). The LC/MS/MS method is more sensitive and less likely to generate a false positive. It is much more time consuming to run. Grab samples were taken in July, August, September, and October. The microcystin levels in Lake Paradise were well below the Environmental Protection Agency’s draft guidance level of 4 ppb (parts per billion) using both methods. We also analyze samples for anatoxin-a and cylindrospermopsin. There were no detections of cylindrospermopsin, or anatoxin-a. The phosphorus levels in the lake were signifying a moderately high level of phosphorus throughout the sampling season. The lake’s watershed has a high percentage of wetlands. Potentially toxin producing cyanobacteria were present in the lake in 2017, but not at high levels. It is important to understand that these cyanobacteria are often present in Michigan Lakes.

Perfluorinated Chemicals: What they are and what you should know about them....Article by Michigan State University Extension

Persistent man-made fluorinated chemicals used in a wide range of products are being found in soils and water. Evidence suggests that exposure can lead to adverse health effects. Michigan is taking steps to address problem areas. There are a group of chemicals that have received a great deal of attention lately. They are referred to as synthetic perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) or more specifically per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). They have been widely used in both industrial and consumer products to make those products stain and grease resistant and waterproof. Common products that contain these chemicals include stain resistant fabrics and carpets, water and oil repellents, foams used in fighting fires, metal spray plating and some types of nonstick cookware. Other products that have been manufactured with forms of PFAS include food packaging paper and cardboard materials, insecticides, paint and plumbing tape. For more complete information visit www.msue.msu.edu.

The Triangle at the corner of Gill Road and Paradise Trail in beautiful downtown Carp Lake has been getting a face lift by the PLA in cooperation with the Carp Lake Women's Club. 25 years of wear and tear on the landscape timbers and overgrowth of the shrubbery was determined by your PLA board to require an update. Huge Thanks to Jim and Dale Berry for heavy equipment to take out the shrubs and replace the timbers and to Cathy Freebairn, representing the CLWC to pick out and plant the native flowers. The native flowers will need less water and maintenance after the first year to get them established. Other appreciated volunteers assisted in removing roots and adding soil. Our famous bear has been missing since last fall and is in residence with Virginia Stevens, the original artist. She is repairing glass tiles and replacing with a new adhesive. The bear will hopefully be back with us later this summer. There will be a protective roofline built to keep sun and rain off the bear. Plans are being considered to store the bear inside for winter.



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