



# PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

### *Stormwater Pollution Solutions*

**Lawn Care:** Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute lakes and streams. In addition, lawn clippings and leaves can wash into waterways and add nutrients and organic matter. Don't overwater your lawn, consider a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible, don't use pesticides or fertilizers unless absolutely necessary and then only in recommended amounts.

**Septic Systems:** Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems release nutrients and pathogens that can be moved by stormwater into nearby waterbodies. Inspect your system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary (every 3 to 5 years). Don't dispose of household or hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.

**Pet Waste:** Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and nutrients in local waters. Pick up waste and dispose of properly.

**Residential Landscaping:** Use permeable pavement if considering any hardscape on your property. Permeable pavement allows rain to soak through, decreasing stormwater runoff. Use rain barrels to collect rainwater from rooftops, using water later on lawn or garden areas. Rain gardens and grassy swales are specially designed areas planted with native plants and can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Divert rain from rooftops or paved areas rather than into waterways. Vegetated filter strips or greenbelts are native grass or plants created along roadways or waterways to trap pollutants that stormwater picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.

**Household product disposal:** Recycle or properly dispose of insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them on the ground or into storm drains.

**EDITOR NOTE:** The growth of the invasive aquatic plant problem in our lake is supported by excess nutrients. These nutrients come from the above mentioned sources. Tip of the Mitt, Restoration Lake Sciences and Oakland University studies all agree that excess phosphorus (which supports weed growth) is a problem in our lake. As an informed waterfront property owner are you part of the solution or part of the problem?

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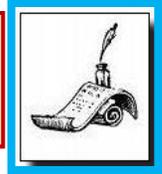
- PLA GOALS**
- \*To Encourage the best possible water quality of Paradise Lake
  - \*To Stress communication, education and promotion about and for the Paradise Lake area
  - \*To Promote fish management
  - \*To Promote boat safety
  - \*To Complete a visible community improvement project annually



Photo credit Donna Karbowski

<u>PLA 2020 ACTIVITIES</u>		<u>PLA OFFICERS</u>	<u>2020 PLA BOARD MEETING DATES</u> Members & Public Welcome	
Jan 18	Ice Fishing Tournament	President: Greg Torsky	January 7	Aug 2 (Sunday)
July 04	A Summer Day in Paradise	Vice President: James Pauling	February 4	September 1
July 25	Boating Safety Class	Treasurer: Barry Potter	May 5	October 4, 2019
August 2	Annual Meeting	Secretary: Jolene Michaels	June 2	November 7, 2019
		Trustees: Dale Berry, Mike Madden, David Milne, Mary Lu Norton	July 7	December 3, 2019
		Seasonal Trustees: George Bearden, Donna Karbowski, Paul Karbowski, Karen Valot		

*For Your consideration.....*



Hey, where did our summer go? Gone in a flash! After a cool, wet, and windy May and June we had much nicer weather in July and August.

It seems to me there was more activity on the lake this year. We had many boaters, tubers, kayakers and fisherman on our beautiful lake. Fishing was good this summer, we caught some huge blue gill and sunfish, no I'm not going to tell you where!

Now cooler temperatures will move in and it will be time for our lake to rest and rejuvenate. Soon, docks will start to disappear along with our seasonal friends and neighbors. Fall plants and Halloween decorations will start to appear.

This year our fall activities are, September highway clean up and our 3<sup>rd</sup> walleye planting. Your PLA has pledged \$1000 toward this project. We will be planting 1,000 (plus) juvenile walleye that are 4 -6 inches in early October. We have donation canisters located at many businesses in the community. You may also donate via check to the PLA, ear marked "walleye planting". Your donation toward this project would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Bear's repairs will soon be completed. He will arrive home sometime in late September or early October. Mr. Bear will go into hibernation for the winter and will be back on display in his normal location spring 2020.

I would like to welcome our new seasonal trustee, Karen Valot. I know she will be a great asset to our board. Also, I would like to thank retiring trustee Dick Elliott for his many years of dedicated service to the PLA.

Let's hope for a beautiful fall season.

*Greg*

*Happiness is not a goal... it is a by-product of a life well lived....Eleanor Roosevelt*

# PLA NEWS

## **WE LOVE LOONS**

This spring for the fourth year, your PLA board placed a loon nesting platform and protection buoys to keep folks from going too close to the loon nesting areas on our lake. We have had one pair of nesting loons on our lake for many seasons and two pairs for three seasons at least. It would be amazing to tempt a third pair to nest. We should be able to thrill to the call of loons for many seasons to come!

## **CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATERS, LANDING BLITZ**

PLA volunteers were trained several years ago and have conducted a CBCW program most summer Saturday mornings at the DNR public access. This summer CBCW was combined into a one day Landing Blitz, promoted by the MDEQ and MDNR, locally conducted by PLA President Greg Torsky and assisted by Bob Smith. We are fortunate to have the boat wash station for cleaning invasive species off boats, funded by a GLRI grant awarded to partners, LTBB, MDNR and PLIB. Michigan joins several other Great Lakes region states including Indiana, Minnesota, New York and Wisconsin that currently administer CBCW programs. For more information regarding the Michigan Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program, visit the program's new web resource at [www.micbcw.org](http://www.micbcw.org).

## **PLA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



The PLA Annual membership meeting was held at the Township Park pavilion on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. A delicious pot luck meal was shared by the attendees. Secretary minutes were read, an annual financial statement was presented and election of officers was held. All board members remain the same for the coming year, except Karen Valot will replace Dick Elliott as seasonal trustee. We welcome Karen and give many thanks to Dick for his long and valued career with the PLA.

## **NEW SEASONAL PLA TRUSTEE**

We welcome Karen Valot as a new seasonal Trustee of the PLA. She has already been actively on the Scholarship and Bike Tour committees. We know her vivacious personality and ability to organize will be a great asset. Following is an introduction in Karen's own words:

I would like to introduce myself to the citizens of Carp Lake whom I have yet to meet. My name is Karen Valot and I am a relatively new member of the community and the PLA, having only lived in Carp Lake for three years. However, I am no stranger to the area. I moved to the area in 1975 to pursue a teaching career with the Mackinaw City Schools, which turned out to be a lifetime profession. I met and married my husband Jerry Valot and became a permanent member of the community of Mackinaw City until moving five miles down the road to Carp Lake. I have been blessed with three beautiful daughters and seven perfect grandchildren. I am originally from the Western UP. I attended Northern Michigan University where I majored in math/science with an emphasis on biology and ecology. The Paradise Lake Association seemed like a perfect fit for me since it focuses on caring for our environment and our beautiful lake. Serving as a seasonal trustee is both an honor and a privilege. I look forward to many opportunities to be involved in the PLA and the community which has made me feel so very welcome.

## **GILL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACED**

We owe appreciation to Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) in Traverse City for their River Care program and the ability they have to raise funds to protect our local waterways. This summer they replaced the bridge over Carp River on Gill Road. Replacing old undersized culverts allows open flow of water passage and prevents erosion and sediment build up which can impact fisheries and wildlife habitat. Thanks CRA for caring enough to protect our watershed!! Please support their program by becoming a member.

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### **BOATING SAFETY CLASS**

A scheduled boating safety class was cancelled due to lack of interest. Anyone 12 years or older who is interested in gaining knowledge of Michigan Boating Laws can attend classes at no charge. Those who pass the written test are given a certified card to carry. Those who choose to educate themselves make our Michigan waterways safer for all to use.

### **COMMUNITY BEAR**

Artist Virginia Stevens, who originally created the glass mosaic artwork on our community bear, has finished the repair of our bear. The bear has recently travelled back to Carp Lake and is being stored inside for the winter. He will reappear in the community triangle next spring where a committee headed by Mary Lu Norton has been maintaining a new flower garden. Stay tuned. Thanks to Virginia and our PLA board for caring enough. (See Cover Photo)

### **OCTOBER WALLEYE PLANT**

Your PLA board is continuing to support a walleye planting project. The Michigan DNR monitor our lake, conduct fish surveys and write prescriptions on fish control. At the current time they plant 25,000 walleye fingerlings in Paradise Lake every 2 years. With permission from the DNR your lake association is being allowed to plant 2000 larger walleye (4" to 6") to try to obtain a better survival rate. Canisters for donations are in area businesses and resorts to attempt to raise \$1000 to help pay for the walleye. The PLA has dedicated an additional \$1000 for the total amount to hopefully fund 2000 walleye this fall. Years ago the PLA actually raised walleye in a nearby pond, but regulations to prevent fish diseases no longer allow fish from non-certified ponds

### **HIGHWAY PICK UP**



The 2nd highway clean-up of 2019 was conducted in September, committee chaired by Donna Karbowski. Helpers from left, were Paul Karbowski, Dave Milne, Greg Torsky, J.P. Pauling, Judy and John Rigsbee, Libra Gysel and of course, Donna Karbowski, behind the camera. We love the energy you bring to our community image!! *Photo credit Donna Karbowski*

### **IN MEMORY**

Last January Carp Lake and Jacksonville, FL lost a wonderful resident and friend. Cliff Rigsbee spent his last summer in his beloved Carp Lake in 2018. He absorbed and loved every minute. He is gone in presence but will forever be etched in our hearts. Cliff was a true gentleman and true entertainer. Remembering his song and dance routine at pancake breakfasts will always bring a smile. Thank You Cliff!!

### **PLA WEBSITE**

The PLA website is [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org). Visit there for updated information about our lake and community. You can join the PLA or renew your membership online or download a membership form to mail to P.O. Box 2, Carp Lake MI 49718. The historic photo book and 2019 T-shirts are offered for sale. There are a number of beautiful photos submitted by PLA members. If you have photos you would like to share, send to [photo@paradiselakeassociation.org](mailto:photo@paradiselakeassociation.org).

### **PLA MEMBERSHIP**

The Paradise Lake Association has been involved with protection of your lake for 46 years. Loons, eagles, fish, sunsets, fun gatherings, educational speakers and lake health are always important issues being enjoyed and discussed. If you are not a member and you care about Paradise Lake and the Carp Lake community, join our organization, continue your membership if you already belong. Together we can make a difference. The address label on the front of this newsletter indicates the year through which you have paid your dues. Applications are available on [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org) under the "Store" tab, you can pay on line with a credit card or mail to: PLA, P.O. Box 2, Carp Lake MI 49718. Notice a 3 year family category on the application, designed to save you money! Our membership year is from January 1st thru December 31<sup>st</sup>... Join us and Stay Informed!!!!

2019 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PLA SUMMER FESTIVAL PHOTOS...photo credits Donna Karbowski



Oh, those pancakes!



Annie B, Mary Lu & Annie S



Bob & Nick Pancake Gurus



Wanetah & Donna



Strolling in the parade



Loyal Color Guard



PLA and Harbor Lights



Annie & Mary—Totally Rad



Jeff, Parade Fan



Float Boat with Flags and Enthusiasm!



Parade Marshals



Paddle Your Own Canoe

## PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD



Above are the two harvester boats that were hired by the PLIB and operated by Superior Hoist and Dock Co. They spent 12 days on our lake in the Northeast weed bed, removing over 30 acres of dense Eurasian water milfoil. They removed 343 cubic yards of vegetation from the lake and hauled 49 trailer loads to the county site on Schmalzried Road. It will be interesting to see how much this impacts the growth in that weed bed. It definitely will reduce the build-up of sediment on the lake bottom.....photo credits Marilyn Smith

The next PLIB meeting will be held Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7 pm at the Carp Lake town hall. 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](http://www.paradiselakeimprovementboard.com). This website is the official valid source of information regarding PLIB minutes and business.

## HISTORIC CARP LAKE GENERAL STORE BURNS

The historic Carp Lake General Store, owned by Joe and Karen Diesler, burned to the ground on September 11, 2019. It would be a tragedy to lose your business, but to lose your home in the same fire, must be devastating. Joe and Karen have been supportive PLA Business Members for years. If anyone had problems in our community they always had a donation canister on their counter for the family. The PLA is trying to return the favor by having donation canisters for the Dieslers placed in our community places of business. Please be generous and assist during this trying time in their lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Joe and Karen.



## Your Wilderness Park MDNR Staff Updates Paradise Lake Public Access

A Few days of effective work with the help of large equipment accomplished the replacement of the concrete boat ramp at the MDNR public lake access on Paradise Trail this past June. The wise choice of gravel for the drive expansion will allow rain, snow melt and storm water runoff to penetrate the soil and filter out impurities before it enters our lake. The drive circles around the south side of the property now to allow a smooth flow of in and out boat trailer traffic. We are fortunate to have an updated large area for our public access site. Thanks to DNR Manager Burr Mitchell and staff for the dedication they have to maintain our access site. Also Thanks to our Paradise Lake Improvement Board for partnering with the Little Bay Band of Odawas and the MDNR to build our boat wash station with Great Lake Restoration Initiative grant funds to prevent spreading invasive species.

*"Be Kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.".....Plato*

# 2020 Paradise Lake Association Membership Application and Renewal Form

**SUPPORTER** - Family/individual membership, 1 year  ..... \$ 15  
-Family/individual membership, 3 years  .....\$ 40

**SUSTAINER** - For all business members and for families/individuals who want to.

Business Membership  Family/Individual Membership  .....\$ 35

**BENEFACTOR** - For business members or families/individuals who want to contribute more to the Association. Business members will be listed in the annual brochure. All Benefactor members will be recognized in the December newsletter.

Business Membership  Family/Individual Membership  .....\$100

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Website: [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org)

Please return this form with your dues to the:

**Paradise Lake Assn. Treasurer**

**P.O. Box 2**

**Carp Lake, MI 49718**

## FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address (only if you receive mail in Carp Lake) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK HERE EACH YEAR INDICATING YOU WISH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BY**

**E-MAIL OR**  **REGULAR MAIL**

## BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

Business Members please complete the following the way you want it stated in the annual directory.

**Dues must be received by April 15, 2020 for inclusion in annual area directory.**

*(Remember to also give us the address where you receive your mail if different than the physical business address)*

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

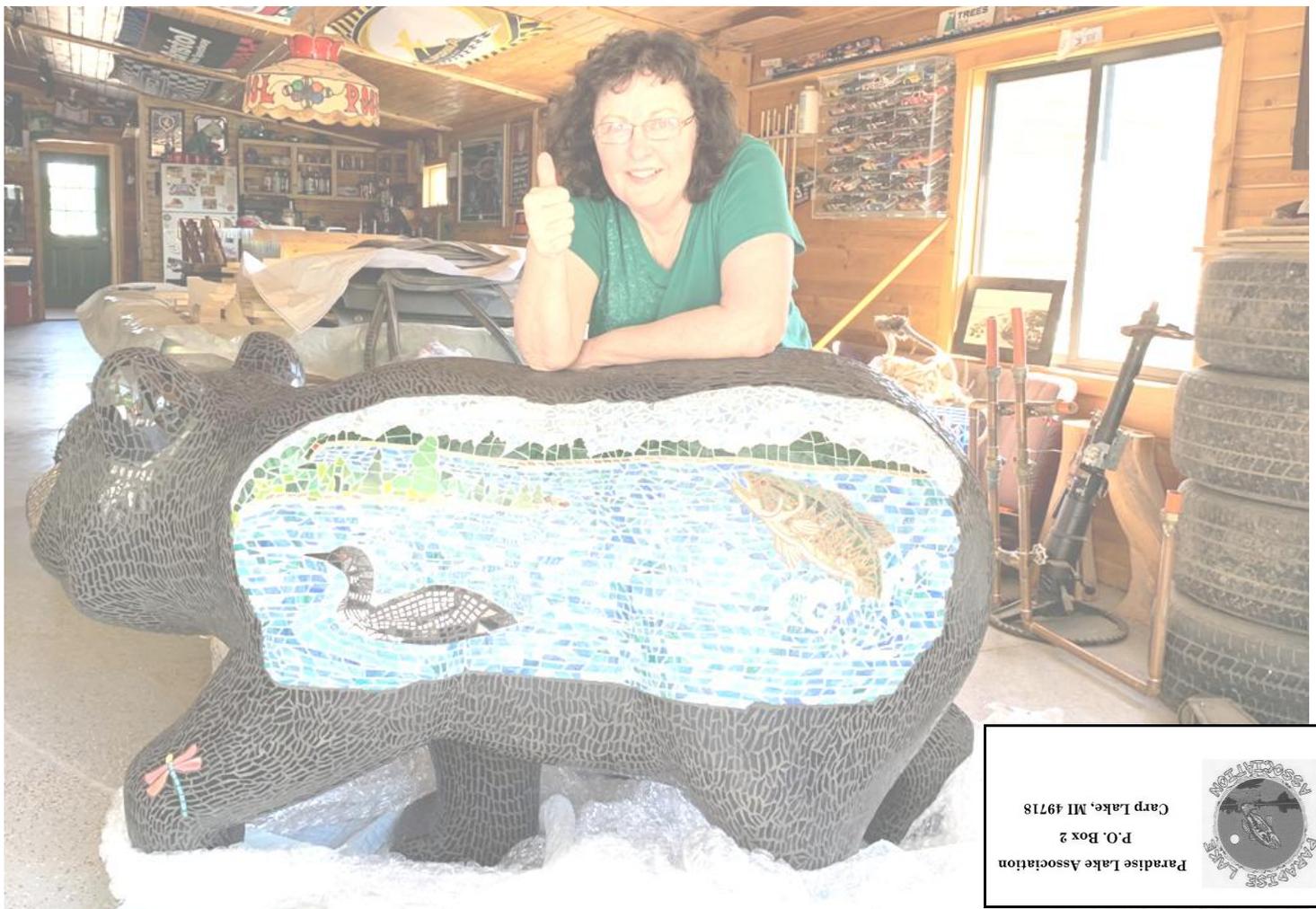
Business e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## REHABILITATED YOUNG LOONS RELEASED



*Photo credits Donna Karbowski*

Tanya Procknow, trained wildlife rehabilitator, released two immature loons on Paradise Lake off Greg Torsky's dock on Saturday morning, September 28, 2019. One loon was found early this summer on Paradise Lake Road and the second one was from Lake St. Helen. The PLA donated money to Tanya to purchase a pool to keep them in and the many, many meals of minnows she purchased and fed to them. We are told the loons immediately began to dive when released and hopefully found food for themselves. Their next adventure will be to learn to fly before time to migrate. Keep watch and report if anyone sees them bonding with our adult loons. They could be their estranged parents. Tanya also rehabilitated and released a grey owl earlier this summer. We owe her much appreciation for her training and the dedication she has to tend to these needy wild creatures!! We are also lucky to have Tanya as our township clerk.



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