



PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

THE CALL OF THE LOON

For most people, the call of the loon is their first introduction to the species. Loon calls have a distinct, haunting quality that has enchanted humans for centuries. In popular culture, these calls have become a symbol of the wilderness. Loons are most vocal from mid-May to mid-June. They have four main calls which they use to communicate with their families and other loons. Each call serves a unique function:

- 1) The wail is most commonly used for long distance communication between mated pairs of loons. Loon pairs may also wail to one another as they begin to engage with an intruding loon. During periods of high stress, such as when encountering a perceived threat to its nest or chicks, a loon may give a more frantic sounding wail. In these situations, the wail will typically have three or more syllables and may be interspersed with other calls that denote stress, such as the tremolo or the yodel. The wail is frequently heard during night chorusing.
- 2) The hoot is a soft, short call that is typically used for short range communication between members of a loon family unit (paired adults and their chicks). Loons may also hoot to communicate with rival loons during low-level territorial interactions. Members of a loon pair sometimes give a harsher sounding, higher pitched variation of this call, called a toot, in the aftermath of a disturbance.
- 3) Only male loons yodel. The yodel is typically given whenever a male loon feels threatened, including during aggressive territorial interactions with other loons, when eagles or other predators are nearby, or when a loon's chicks or nest are closely approached by humans. Male loons often extend their necks flat over the water's surface while yodeling in order to better project the call. When yodels are given during territorial interactions, the loon may rise out of the water with its neck extended forward and its wings arched toward its rival.
- 4) The tremolo is also known as the "crazy laugh." This call is usually a response to perceived threats, including intruding loons, humans, or predators such as eagles. Tremolos are frequently given during territorial interactions with other loons, during night chorusing, and as a duet between pair members. Loons may also tremolo while flying, usually when flying over lake territories occupied by other loons.

Editor's Note: Paradise Lake is so very fortunate to host 2 pairs of nesting loons. Become familiar with their calls and what they mean. You are the eyes and ears of your lake. Make sure the chemical application process this summer does not go near the Mud Creek entrance or the entrance to the "cut" into the south shoreline extending west toward Pachy Road. Luckily both of these nesting sites are removed from the shoreline and do not have nearby milfoil infestations. Pray our nesting loons survive this summer and are willing to return to our lake in 2022. Visit <https://loon.org/looncam/> for a live look at nesting loons. Info provided by Loon Preservation Committee, Moultonborough, NH.

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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



PLA 2021 ACTIVITIES

June 26 CBCW - DEQ Landing Blitz
July 03 A Summer Day in Paradise
July 31 Boating Safety Class
August 1 Annual Meeting/Election

PLA OFFICERS

President: Greg Torsky
Vice President: Jim (JP) Pauling
Treasurer: Barry Potter
Secretary: Laura Bertolini
Trustees: Dale Berry, Mike Madden, David Milne, Mary Lu Norton
Summer Trustees: George Bearden, John & Staci Morrison, Karen Valot

2021 PLA BOARD MEETING DATES

Members & Public Welcome

January 5 June 1 September 7
February 2 July 6 October 5
May 4 Aug 1 (Sunday) November 2
December 7

For Your Consideration.....



Hello,

Our lake has once again come alive. The loons, geese, ducks and mergansers have settled in to their summer home. All of our fish species are spawning. Active sportsman and families are fishing, boating, kayaking, jet skiing and all enjoying our beautiful lake. Did you know Paradise Lake is the 53rd largest Michigan inland lake with 1900 acres of water and 9 miles of shoreline?

The PLA is busy planning our Summerfest activities. New this year we will be having our pancake breakfast at Harbor Lights Grille. The parade will have the usual route from Wheeling Road to the public access. A few residents along the north shore will be lighting off fireworks on July 3rd around 10pm. However, this is NOT a PLA sponsored activity. There are many things to enjoy over the July 4th weekend.

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN!!!

Have a great summer, Greg

DIFFICULT roads

often lead to *beautiful* DESTINATIONS.....





2021 OFFICIAL PARADISE LAKE "ICE OUT"

2021 Official Paradise Lake Ice Out was declared to be Friday, April 2, 2021. The Wise and Famous Person who guessed closest to that date was Linda Hospital who chose 4-01-21. The main body of the lake opened up on Friday, March 26, 2021. The almost Wise and Famous person closest to that date was Bob Roll who chose March 31, 2021. Many calculations and studious measurements of weather patterns enter into a successful guess of Ice Out date.

Thanks to Barry Potter, manning the West end of the lake, and Dick Elliott, manning the East end of the lake, and sending smoke signals to communicate when the last large piece of ice disappeared and determined the exact date of this important event. Impressive Teamwork!!

BEAR TRIANGLE

The triangle at the intersection of Gill Road and Paradise Trail has a maintenance committee headed by Mary Lu Norton. Thank them for their time spent beautifying the downtown area. Mr. Bear is housed indoors during the winter months to protect his restoration project, but is now happily back out to meet and greet all comers. See Photo on Page 8.

SUMMER DAY IN PARADISE

The PLA has hosted a summer festival, "A Summer Day in Paradise" for 24 years. In 2020, the festival was not held because of COVID 19 concerns. This year will be more exciting because of waiting an extra year to celebrate our lake and our great community. Wear masks if you are not vaccinated and social distance for you own protection as well as your consideration for your neighbor. Thank You!! See page 6 of this newsletter to find scheduled details of the festival.

CARP LAKE WELCOME SIGN

Your Paradise Lake Association board has approved funding for a welcome sign to our area. It is to be placed near the Gill Road and US 31 Highway intersection. A committee has formed to get an Emmet County sign permit, and decide size and wording. One more reason to feel cordially invited to spend time in our friendly community. A sale is pending by a new owner for our vacated marina and will be called Chubb's Marina and Market. We have a new owner, Chad Morrison, at the Pure Paradise Resort and excavation has begun for construction of the new Carp Lake General Store. Revitalization of our "step back in time" community is happening. Join or maintain your membership in the Paradise Lake Association to hear the happenings!

If You Love Paradise Lake You Should Join the Paradise Lake Association

Our \$15 (or more by choice) annual membership fee is far less than 1 tank of gas or a dinner out. For that cost you receive water quality monitoring with oversight by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, surveys by various organizations, walleye planting, our fun summer festival and quarterly newsletters to keep you advised. Our membership year runs January 1st through December 31st. **The address label on your newsletter reminds you of the year through which your dues are paid.** Application is available on our web site under the "Store" tab and can be paid by credit card. Join us in protecting our beautiful lake. The fun times and events are a bonus!

FYI: Dues will increase in 2022 to \$20/family, \$50/3 year family, \$45/business.

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PLA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Elizabeth Slater, from Pellston High School, is the recipient of the PLA 2021 \$1000 scholarship. She is planning on going to Central Michigan University for secondary education. She would like to teach history but is also very interested in learning about environmental science history. She expressed an interest in learning about forever chemicals and environmental science and would like to incorporate those studies into her future teaching plans. The PLA scholarship criteria provides extra credit for environmental direction in the recipient's choice of study. Elizabeth headed a team of her peers to assist with the issue of PFAS in many water wells in the Pellston area. We are sure she will succeed and make our world a better place to inhabit. Thanks Elizabeth for being outstanding in your endeavors!!

DEQ AIS LANDING BLITZ -CBCW

The 8th annual 2021 Aquatic Invasive Species Landing Blitz (also hosted by Clean Boats Clean Waters) will be held at the Paradise Lake public access site on Saturday June 26th! 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 EGLE has 57 host locations signed up for this year's event.

WALLEYE PLANTING

Your PLA will again plant 6" to 8" walleye in our lake this fall. Donation canisters are at resorts and businesses around Carp Lake as well as a "fund me" site is available on the PLA face book page, "Paradise Lake Association of Carp Lake". The PLA will pay \$1000 from their treasury toward the project to supplement your donations. Teamwork pays off! The MDNR also plant 25,000 smaller walleye fry every 3 years in our lake. That's lots more fish, but each fish has a much lower survival rate than the larger walleye.

IN MEMORY

A memorial service for Marianne Murray was held on May 24th at 10 a.m. at Lakeview Cemetery in Mackinaw City. Following the interment, family and friends were invited to gather at the Keyhole (323 E. Central Ave.) for a "Good Old-Fashioned Irish Wake" (Marianne's request). Well, at least for a bite to eat and toast her with friends and family. Marianne passed away peacefully at Boulder Park in Charlevoix on January 2nd. There was also a very nice small service and visitation at the Church of the Straits in Mackinaw City on January 8th with Pastor Dave Wallis, a few friends and family members, and Floyd, her beloved dog. Marianne was pre-deceased by her husband Hugh. They both had been active PLA members for years.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, August 1, 2021 will be the date of the PLA Annual Membership Meeting and election of officers, 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. Send e-mail to: barrypotter@paradiselakeassociation.org. Members can **submit photos** to photo@paradiselakeassociation.org and contact board members:

board@paradiselakeassociation.org.  **Paradise Lake Association of Carp Lake**

Community Notes

PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (PLIB)

2021 PLIB meetings will be July 28th, August 25th and November 5th at the Carp Lake town hall at 7 PM. June 3 & 4, 2021 was the lake survey by Restoration Lake Sciences to determine when chemical application will begin, to combat the Eurasian water milfoil in Paradise Lake. Watch the PLIB website for dates and maps of applications. FYI: Professional Lake Management is the applicator, Triclopyr liquid (Navitrol, Renovate3) is the product that will be used. Treatment postings should be at public access sites and within 100' of treatment areas. Swimming restrictions are for 1 day and irrigation restrictions are for 120 days from each treatment. 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.

HELP WANTED

PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

IS LOOKING FOR A PERSON TO OPERATE AND SUPERVISE THE PONTOON SUCTION BOAT

DUTIES TO INCLUDE: TRAIN OPERATORS; MAINTAIN THE SCHEDULE; MAINTAIN THE EQUIPMENT; ACCEPT WEED PICK UP REQUESTS; HAVE ACCESS TO P/U OR TRAILER TO DISPOSE OF WEEDS.

PERIOD OF OPERATION IS MID-JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER, APPROXIMATELY 5-6 HOURS PER TRIP

IF INTERESTED PLEASE RESPOND TO Paul Teike at 231-537-2513.

CARP LAKE TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, June 26th from 8 am to 2 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 can participate, 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, **tires**, toxic liquids, yard waste, household garbage, concrete, bricks or blocks, mattresses or TV's. No charge to dispose of accepted items. Flyers at the Carp Lake Post Office will have details. To dispose of toxic materials, call Emmet County Household Chemical Drop Off line at 231-348-0640. Call Paul Teike at 231-537-2513 if you need help with heavy items or would like to volunteer to help with clean-up day. Tires can be taken to Pleasantview transfer station. **Yard waste no longer accepted at this site due to abuse of rules.**

MDNR COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) A person driving a vehicle, trailer or boat with invasive species on them can now be ticketed in the state of Michigan. **Use your Paradise Lake boat wash station!!**
- 2) A Michigan State Park Passport is now required to make use of MDNR public access sites. Passports can be purchased at Michigan DNR offices or Michigan Secretary of State offices.

Your life is your Garden, Your thoughts are the Seeds.....

If your life isn't awesome, you've been watering the Weeds.....*Bohemian quotes*

24th ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021



PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 8 TO 11 AM

PROVIDED BY THE PLA AND THE BERTOLINI'S AT THE HARBOR LIGHT GRILLE

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast price is:

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

You will be welcome to order breakfast items off the regular Harbor Light menu if you choose

GET YOUR T-SHIRT AND BASEBALL CAP WHILE YOU ARE THERE

1 P.M. STREET PARADE ON PARADISE TRAIL

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

JOIN IN!!

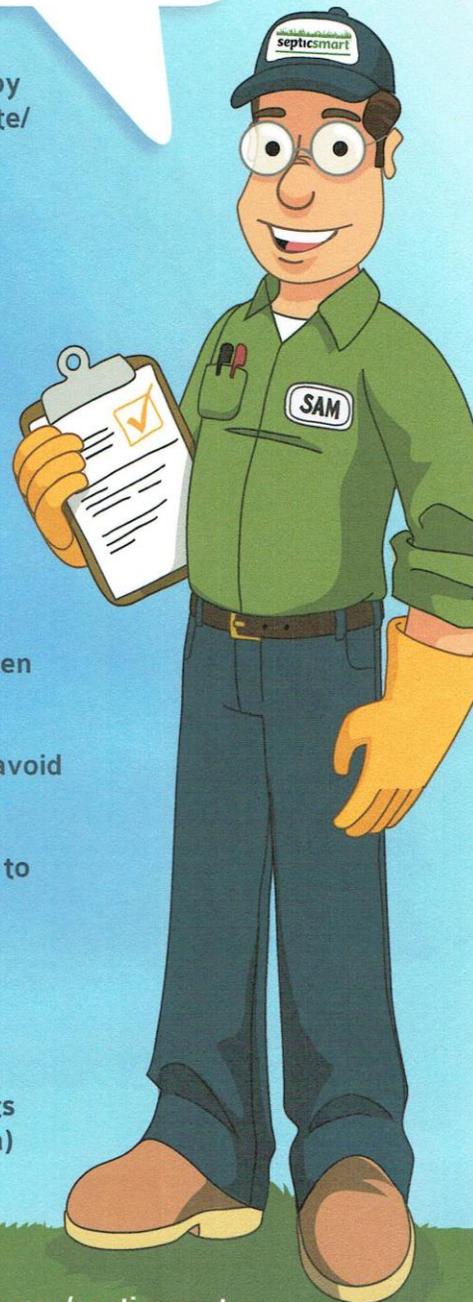
COMMUNITY FUN DEPENDS ON YOU—SHOW US YOUR STYLE!!

THE CARP LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

will display their **FIRE TRUCKS** and offer **KIDS GAMES** at the public access site following the parade.

Top 10 Ways to Be a Good Septic Owner

- ✓ Have your system inspected every three years by a qualified professional or according to your state/local health department's recommendations
- ✓ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years
- ✓ Avoid pouring harsh products (e.g., oils, grease, chemicals, paint, medications) down the drain
- ✓ Discard non-degradable products in the trash (e.g., floss, disposable wipes, cat litter) instead of flushing them
- ✓ Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the drainfield and tank
- ✓ Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives
- ✓ Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system
- ✓ Maintain plants and vegetation near the system to ensure roots do not block drains
- ✓ Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate-free
- ✓ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area)





From left: John & Staci Morrison, Greg Torsky, Mike Madden, J.P. Pauling, Mary Lu Norton, Dave Milne, Laura Bertolini. Award winning highway pick up crew!! Thanks folks!



From left: Connie Strouse, Mary Bleakley, Greg Torsky, Mary Lu Norton, and Laura Bertolini. The gardeners of the downtown triangle! Thanks for the image!!



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