

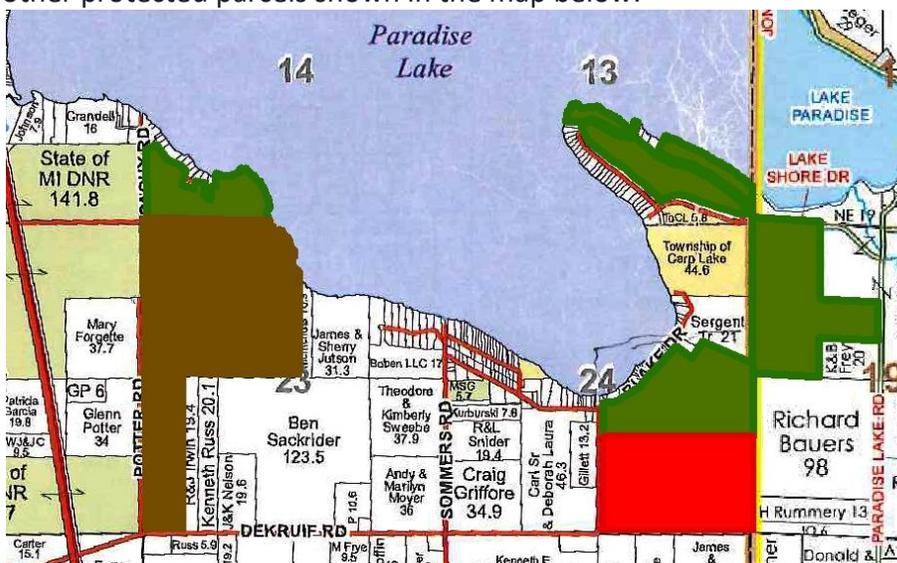


# PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

### Little Traverse Conservancy Pending Siegel Land Purchase

- The Little Traverse Conservancy is under contract to purchase and protect 93 wetland acres just south of the William and Stephanie Veling Nature Preserve, south of Blake’s Drive (map attached).
- Incredibly, the seller of the land is offering a big discount on the price. \$75,000 is needed to fully protect the land and open it to the public (including the right to walk, bike, and hunt).
- Paradise Lake residents, Mike and Brenda Byers, are offering to match gifts up to \$10,000.
- To participate and help protect your lake, write a check to “Little Traverse Conservancy” with Paradise Lake in the memo line and send to: LTC, 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs MI 49740 (231-347-0991) or go to <https://landtrust.org/current-land-protection-projects/carp-lake-preservation>
- All gifts are eligible for a tax deduction
- Paradise Lake has been abundantly blessed with LTC participation in 5 other protected parcels shown in the map below.



The parcels in green are John & Julia Pachy Nature Preserve, 36 acres, 1500’ lakefront, Stony Point, 50 acres, 3000’ lakefront, Harry C. Smith Preserve, 72 acres, William & Stephanie Veling Preserve, 66 acres. The brown parcel is the Barb & Joe Traub working Forest Preserve, 188 acres and 1000’ of protected shoreline. You can be a good lake steward, make a difference and continue to protect your lake by donating to help purchase the 93 acre wetland parcel shown in red.

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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 improvement project annually



<u>PLA 2022 ACTIVITIES</u>		<u>PLA OFFICERS</u>		<u>2022 PLA BOARD MEETING DATES</u> Members & Public Welcome	
Jan 15	Ice Fishing Tournament	President:	Angie Berry	January 4	Aug 7 (Sunday)
July 2	Summer Day in Paradise	Vice President:	Dale Berry	February 1	September 6
July 9	CBCW Landing Blitz	Treasurer:	Barry Potter	May 5	October 4
August 7	Annual Meeting	Secretary:	Karen Valot	June 7	November 1
		Trustees:	Mike Madden, Dave Milne, John Morrison, Mary Lu Norton,	July 5	December 6
		Seasonal Trustees:	George Bearden, Rob Miller, Chad Morrison, Jim (JP) Pauling		

# From the Desk of the President..



First and foremost, I would like to thank Greg Torsky for the last 8 years of service and dedication to the Paradise Lake Association. I am honored to be the next person to lead the Paradise Lake Association, I only hope I can fill the shoes of my predecessors. In order to be a good leader, an organization needs the support and volunteerism from its members as well. So, no matter your expertise, your skills may just be the assistance this Association can use. No matter the amount of time you spend in volunteering, it is a benefit to everyone in this small community, and we thank those that continue to do their part to help the PLA in preserving the lake and promoting the community involvement in the conservation goals.

So, all that said, now on to the good stuff. The summer season is now winding down, leaves are changing and wildlife is changing as well. The fall season leads us into the planting of our Walleye (THANK YOU to everyone that has donated at the various locations). This should be happening mid- October. Mr. Bear will be leaving us soon as well, he has his hibernation spot all picked out and getting ready for a long slumber.

I have heard from several people that they enjoyed the lake this year more than they have in a long time. Some told of stories about fishing and others of just being able to watch the kids or grandchildren learn/improve their skills of swimming, water skiing, kayaking, paddle boarding, all of the fun stuff that can be done on our lake.

Many of you know who I am, the Wife of the “infamous” Dale who does everything around the lake. He is my partner in crime and sidekick, with him and our yellow lab Fitz, we can be seen doing several things around the lake, more so in the spring and fall. Then there are the days and nights we get to pontoon around our little slice of heaven called Paradise Lake. I also hold a daytime job being the Administrative Manager at a Condo Association. We like to keep ourselves busy, as you can see. We are always doing something or volunteering our services to other groups and organizations as well. When we heard that several of the executive directors were leaving the PLA this year, we decided to throw our hats in, to keep the Association going. If there are any comments, questions, or advice from any of the members, I welcome you to contact me and I will find some time to stop and listen. That is what will make our Association keep thriving and moving forward.

Thank you all- Angie Berry 😊

*You can't go back and change the beginning,  
but you can start where you are and change the ending..... C.S. Lewis*



## PLA NEWS

### **MIDGE CANNON TURNS 100 YEARS YOUNG**

Let's celebrate!! A very favorite PLA long time member, Midge Canon will turn 100 years young on October 25, 2022. Please help make her day a very special one by sending greetings and congratulations to: 1536 Watkins Lane, Unit 103, Naperville, IL 60540 or email to [midgecannon@gmail.com](mailto:midgecannon@gmail.com) Happy Birthday Midge!!

### **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS(CBCW)**

PLA board members conducted a CBCW program at the MDNR public access on Paradise Lake, Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (MEGLE) and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). This program was titled "Landing Blitz" and was duplicated at a number of lakes across the state. Lake users were informed of invasive species and how to prevent their spread by using the boat wash station to clean their boat or drain and dry at home, when moving between different bodies of water. Information and useful handouts were given to 10 boaters.

### **SUMMER DAY IN PARADISE**

The fun summer festival, hosted by the PLA was held on July 2 with yummy pancake breakfast served from the Harbor Lights Grille food trailer at the township pavilion on Paradise Trail. The outstanding street parade travelled its' normal route from Wheeling Road to the MDNR public access. Thanks to all who made this community event a true happening! See photos on page 5.

### **WATER QUALITY TESTING**

For the second summer, David Milne, PLA Trustee, has conducted weekly water quality testing on our lake. This has been done by volunteers since the early years of the PLA. This consists of collecting water samples, filtering them through a fine screen, freezing each sample and delivering them to Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC) for analysis at the end of the season. Also, each week, a Secchi Disk reading is taken to determine water clarity. This consists of a round metal disk, painted in quadrants of black and white for visibility. The disk is mounted on a rope which has measured increments and lowered into the lake. The measurement of the last visibility is recorded. Each year in March or June newsletter the results of TOMWC analysis are published. Thanks, Dave for your dedication to this task!

### **PLA BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

The PLA Annual Membership Meeting was held at the township pavilion on Paradise Trail on Sunday, August 7th at 2 PM. The gathering began with a delicious pot luck meal. Election of officers was conducted. Angie Berry was elected President, Dale Berry is Vice President, Karen Valot moved from her Trustee position to become Secretary, Barry Potter remains as Treasurer. John Morrison moved from his Seasonal Trustee position to become a regular Trustee filling Dale Berry's original position. Other regular Trustees remain the same. Chad Morrison replaced Staci Morrison as Seasonal Trustee, Jim (JP) Pauling stepped from the Vice President position to Seasonal Trustee and Rob Miller replaced the spot that Karen Valot vacated. George Bearden remains as Seasonal Trustee.

Sincere appreciation is sent to Greg Torsky, Jim (JP) Pauling, Laura Bertolini, Staci Morrison, Dale Berry and Karen Valot for their number of years service to the PLA. We welcome Angie Berry, Chad Morrison and Rob Miller as new members of the PLA board and wish them success as they add their guidance to protect our lake.

### **CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

No local Carp Lake food baskets were needed the last few years, so any donated canned goods and money are being donated to the Mackinaw City Food Pantry. For our summer residents cleaning cupboards in preparation of heading south, boxes to collect non-perishable food items will be in place at the Harbor Lights Grille. Monetary donations for the perishable items for the baskets can be made to the PLA and sent to: P. O. Box 2, Carp Lake, MI 49718. Sharing is caring!!

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

Our \$20 (or more by choice) annual membership fee is far less than 1 tank of gas or a dinner out. For that cost you receive oversight by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, surveys by various organizations, walleye planting, Clean Boats, Clean Waters program, our fun summer festival and quarterly newsletters to keep you informed. Our membership year runs January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The address label on your newsletter reminds you of the year through which your dues are paid. An application/renewal form is on page 7 of this newsletter. Join us in protecting our beautiful lake. Celebrate that our lake supports our nesting/fledging loons and eagles and an abundant fishery!!

**WALLEYE PLANTING**

The PLA board will be planting 4” to 6” walleye in Paradise Lake in October. A new supplier of juvenile walleye has been found in southwest Michigan. All money donated for walleyes has been held in the P.L.A. treasury and designated for 2022 walleye plant. In addition to the P.L.A. juvenile walleye program, the MDNR places 25,000 walleye fingerlings near our public access on a 3 year cycle. The survival rate for the larger walleye is much higher, but we will take all that our lake is allowed to place. A permit from the DNR is necessary to place walleye to be sure we do not get our fish populations out of balance. Fish On!!

**HIGHWAY PICK-UP**

Members of the PLA conduct a highway pick-up from Schmalzreid/DeKruif Road to Gill Road twice a summer in May and September, this year on 9-17-22. The best solution is to have 8 volunteers, which accomplishes the job in approximately one hour. Emmet County provides the trash bags and picks up the full bags when the job is finished. Consider joining the group and keeping our community image spiffed up! Thanks to all who help!

**DISTRIBUTION OF MURRAY TRUST**

Monies received in memory of Hugh and Marianne Murray are being distributed for projects to honor them. A small building to house PLA assets is being constructed by the Amish for \$4700 and will be delivered this Friday, 9-23-22. Shared cost with Carp Lake Township for a porta-john at the Paradise Trail park and donation of four new metal benches at the park at a cost of a maximum of \$5000 has also been approved. Also, next summer, contract for a shoreline survey to identify suspect septic tanks with TOMWC, is considered. A program to then assist inspection and improvement of said septic tanks would be conducted, perhaps establishing an annual “Love Your Lake” day in honor of the Murrays. “Love Your Lake” day could involve Emmet County Health Department conducting voluntary septic inspections at a reduced cost and voluntary tank pumpouts from a company offering reduced costs.

**PLA WEBSITE**

The PLA website is [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org). Visit there for updated information about our lake and community. There are a number of beautiful photos submitted by Paradise Lake Association members. If you have photos you would like to share, send to [photos@paradiselakeassociation.org](mailto:photos@paradiselakeassociation.org). Members can reach a given board member at specific email addresses noted on website or email all board members using address: [board@paradiselakeassociation.org](mailto:board@paradiselakeassociation.org)



Paradise Lake Association Festival Breakfast above, Street Parade below



Happy Red, White, and Blue From The DACH Sons to you!



**CARP LAKE WOMEN’S CLUB SALE**

The Carp Lake Women’s Club hosted three yard sales this summer, one in May with other Northern Emmet County sales, one the Saturday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and one the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. They also hosted an art sale in August, all with outstanding results. The CLWC primary project is providing a variety of requested items to the Jacobetti Veterans Home in Marquette. The CLWC also help the Carp Lake Fire Department when they request.

**PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meetings of the P.L.I.B. are the second Wednesdays of May, July, August and November. The next meeting will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the Carp Lake Township Hall. 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 PLIB information regarding minutes and business. The PLIB now has a Twitter account to remind you of any new post to the website. Go to Twitter and open an account: it takes all of two minutes. Then do a search for paradiselakelover. When you find us, just FOLLOW the account and every time we tweet, a notice is sent to your email.

**PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE**

Purple Loosestrife, an invasive wetland plant, grows in the ditches of Sommers Road south of Paradise Lake and has been a control project of the PLA for a number of years. Cutting blossom heads, digging plants and most recently using a beetle to control growth, has brought a two mile stretch of road that had hundreds of plants down to a few dozen plants, producing a full paper grocery bag of flower heads so far this summer. There are probably that many more flower heads that need to be cut and disposed of before seeds form and add to the spread. Hopefully someone reading this article will be concerned enough to finish the job. The plant leaves are mostly riddled with holes, verifying that the beetles continue to reproduce and weaken the plants. This needs continued monitoring. If loosestrife gains a stronghold along a lake shoreline, it is very difficult to control. Let’s not let another invasive plant to enter our lake’s ecosystem!!



**This plant is attractive, but invasive Please remove and DO NOT transplant!**

**INVASIVE SPECIES: IDENTIFY AND REPORT - MICHIGAN**

Please go to this website: <https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/id-report> to find a watch list and identification guide for Michigan Invasive Plants. We can all make a difference by eliminating invasive plants that we see.

**Be a reflection of what you’d like to receive.**

If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful.

If you want respect, be respectful.

What you give out will always return.....*Kristen Butler*

## 2023 Paradise Lake Association Membership Application and Renewal Form

**SUPPORTER** - Family/individual membership, 1 year  ..... \$ 20  
                  -Family/individual membership, 3 years  .....\$ 50

**SUSTAINER** - For all business members and for families/individuals who want to contribute more to the Association. Business members will be listed in the annual brochure.

Business Membership  Family/Individual Membership  ..... \$ 45

**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, 2023 for inclusion in annual area directory.**  
*(Remember to also give us the address where you receive your mail if different than business address)*

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

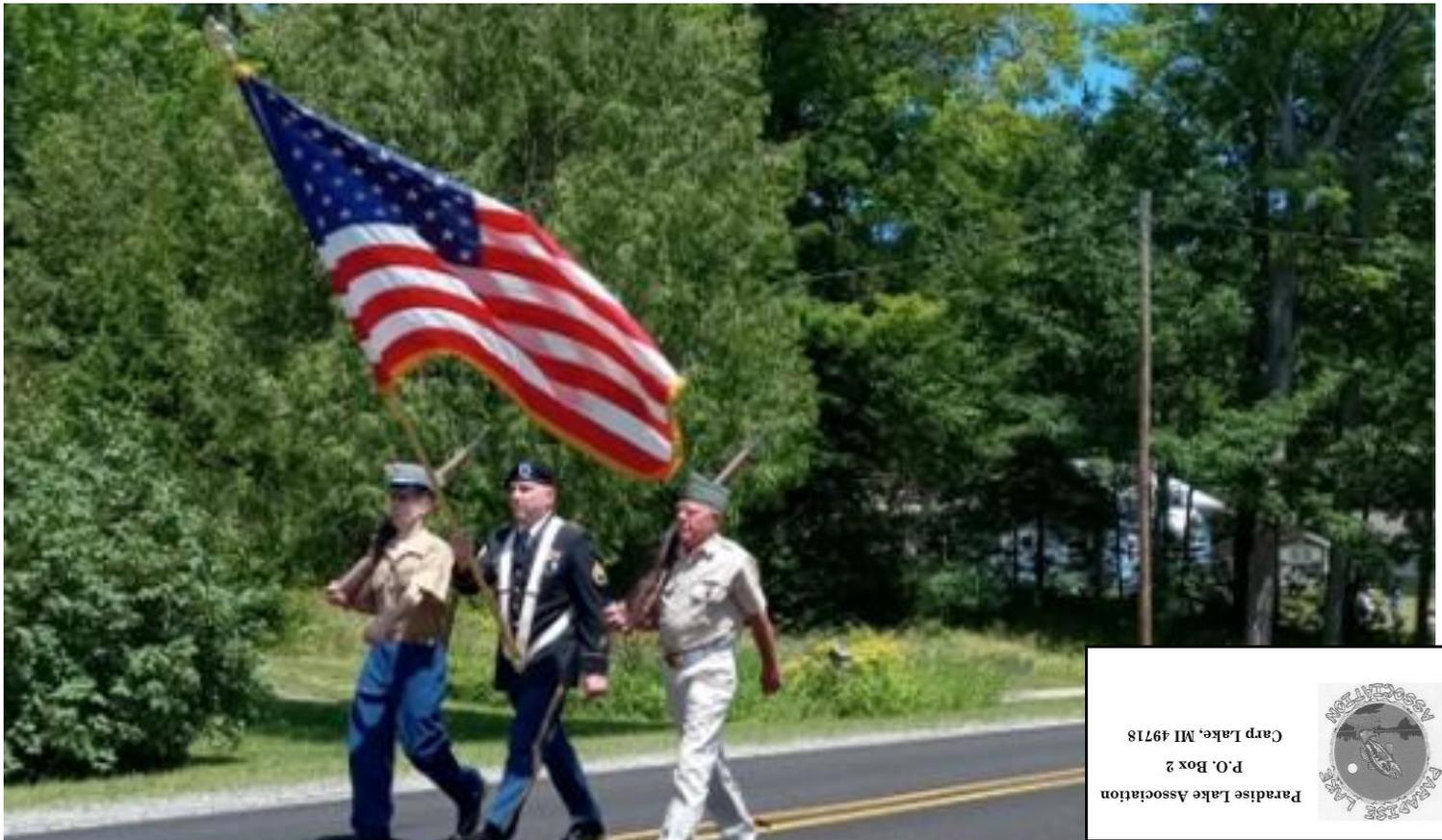
Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**PLA BY-LAWS SECTION 3 - The purpose of the Paradise Lake Association shall be to:**

- 3.1 Promote an understanding and appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of owners of riparian lands;
- 3.2 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;
- 3.3 Help solve problems common to the members involving lake level, water safety, water pollution, weed control, and indiscriminate or over development of the waterfront which could lead to overuse of the waters or deterioration of their quality;
- 3.4 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;
- 3.5 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;
- 3.6 Assist in the acquisition, establishment, maintenance and protection of nature preserves, wilderness and other protected areas in the general vicinity of Paradise Lake and it's connecting creeks, streams, rivers and wetlands.



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