

# WLA 2019-20 Year in Review

- **Beach Club Parking Expansion**

To address safety issues caused by roadside parking near the beach, the WLA embarked on a project to expand the existing parking area. After the appropriate regulatory permits were secured, the new area was cleared and filled with sand and crushed asphalt. The existing parking area surface was improved as well. The expanded lot will roughly double the capacity of the old lot and should accommodate at least 18 vehicles using common parking lot standards. Additional parking could be accommodated for periods of high usage. The expanded lot is now usable and complete except for finishing touches such as barriers, fencing, signage, landscaping, etc.

- **Roads, Drainage and Sedimentation**

The WLA formed the Stormwater and Sedimentation Reduction Committee (SSRC) under the excellent leadership of board member Dennis Durnwald to improve long standing issues with water quality and roads due to drainage and sedimentation around the lake. Sedimentation into the lake accelerates the natural lake aging process via excessive nutrients and weed growth. It also degrades shorelines and near-shore areas as well as roads. After extensive investigation into possible courses of action, the SSRC decided to file an application with the Livingston County Drain Commission (LCDC) to layout and designate a drainage district under the Michigan Drain Code. This began a powerful statutory process that has the potential to resolve many years of gridlock and lack of progress on this issue. Surveys and engineering studies are currently underway to determine the scope and feasibility of the project. Since the overall process is fairly complicated and cannot be effectively described here, members are encouraged to contact the SSRC or LCDC for details.

- **Water Quality**

Water quality efforts are continuing despite the loss of our long-time water quality expert, Frank Ferguson. Once again, we obtained the necessary state permit to chemically treat for invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM). After preliminary lake surveys and marking, the lake was chemically treated on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Initial surveys indicate that EWM is still present but remains largely under control. Subsequent surveys will determine if further treatments are indicated. The WLA urgently needs help with water quality tasks, so any members that have an interest in helping in this area are urged to contact the board. Frank's hard work left us with a legacy of great water quality that we all need to help preserve in his honor, as well as in our own interest.

- **Gypsy Moths**

Led by board vice-president Mary Anderson, the WLA facilitated a community effort to control an invasion of destructive Gypsy Moths. South shore areas of the lake underwent aerial spraying last May with a natural biological pesticide. Observations from Mary and other members this spring indicate the treatment was a success.

- **Trash Hauler Consolidation**

Led by Dan Luria, the trash hauler consolidation initiative has been a great success, thanks to the cooperation of many members who value less traffic, noise, road damage and better service. If you have any neighbors who have not converted to the Garbage Man yet, please urge them to do so.

- **Member Communications**

The WLA continues to improve communications with existing, new and prospective members. Our newsletter, LakeViews, published by Terre Voegeli, continues to be a valuable source of current information. Our website, winanslake.org, also continues to be a valuable reference for WLA information.