



## Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2021 Annual WLA meeting are attached in printable form.

[2021 WLA Annual Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

## WLA Board Meeting

The next board meeting is August 12th, 6:30 at the beach.

## Water Quality Issues – July 2021

As part of the WLA's ongoing Water Quality Education Initiative, it is important for members to be aware of the issues that other lakes are struggling with due to poor watershed management, as we could soon experience the same problems if we fail to be diligent and proactive.

The majority of water quality problems are caused by improper stormwater and shoreline management. According to MSU, "Erosion of sediment is the most common cause of pollution in Michigan's waters." This is because sediments carry nutrients, bacteria and other pollutants into lakes and streams.

Here is just a brief snapshot of some common water quality problems which we need to continually guard against:

## Big Portage Lake - Swimming Advisory

Recently Washtenaw County issued a swimming advisory for Big Portage Lake due to a harmful algae bloom (HAB) which is being tested for microcystins. You can read the [advisory here](#) or follow the discussion thread on [NextDoor](#).

[10 beaches across Michigan closed](#), under advisories going into holiday weekend.

These issues underscore the need for all members to follow [water quality rules/guidelines](#) and to support the recently formed Winans Lake Drainage District, which will finally address the drainage and sedimentation issues that have been plaguing our lake for decades.

To avoid issues with algae and bacteria, members should avoid using fertilizer, clean up pet waste and discourage geese from the lake.



Members should also be aware that once water quality degrades past a certain point, it becomes practically impossible to recover and very expensive to manage. For example, other lakes in our area spend 2-5x or more than we do for aquatic nuisance (weed) control.

Here are some specific examples:

Lake	Acres	Total Cost	Cost/Acre	%
Winans	154	\$ 8,000	\$ 56	-
Rush	138	\$ 39,000	\$ 283	500%
Zukey	143	\$ 17,000	\$ 119	213%
Thompson	262	\$ 41,000	\$ 156	279%
Chemung	313	\$ 42,000	\$ 134	240%
Horseshoe	93	\$ 15,000	\$ 161	288%

Clearly, it is very important for everyone to cooperate and be proactive in protecting our water quality.

If any member has any questions or concerns regarding water quality or the Winans Lake Drainage District, please contact a WLA board member or the WLA Secretary at [winanslakesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:winanslakesecretary@gmail.com) .

### **Winans Drainage District**

Two zoom meetings were held in March to discuss the proposed Winans Lake Drainage District. The drainage district is being proposed to address the runoff into Winans Lake from Winans Woods, Teahen, and other roads. A transcript of the questions and answers from these two Zoom meetings has been created and is available on the Winans Lake Association Website.

Click on this link to access the [Winans Lake Drainage District Q&As](#) document.

### **Bigfoot Bob at the Beach August 27th!**

Bigfoot Bob is returning to the beach for another evening of toe-tapping music on Friday, August 27th at 6pm. Bring your own food and beverages and join your neighbors for a very special evening. A tip jar will be available, and contributions are welcome and appreciated.



## **Lake Access Sites**

The WLA Board is still continuing to work on cleaning up the access sites. Boats have been abandoned at the sites over the years as residents move away or stop using them.

Be sure your boat is not swept up in the effort. Make sure it has a Winans Lake decal and boat number affixed. Contact Greg Dygert (stanleywings at yahoo dot com if you don't know your WLA (not LGCC) boat number.

## **Fourth of July – 2021**

Many events were held this year. Here are some memories from the day.







8 am Relay











Parade



Flag Raising



1<sup>st</sup> in the Lake 2021

Simon Killom



## Memories



At the recent WLA Annual Meeting, Greg asked for anyone who had a funny story related to Frank Ferguson to please share it with the members. I don't have a story but I do have a favorite phot that Frank shared with me. It is a large pike that Frank caught years ago and he made it clear to me that it was promptly released, no worse for wear, he wore the deer skin gloves to give the fish extra protection. That's the Frank we will always remember.

Bruce and Connie Mendenhall

## Welcome to the Neighborhood

Ben and Mary Catherine Russell have moved into 8711 Club House Dr. with their dogs Jueno and Baghera.

Robert and Karrie Bloomquist have purchased 5955 Winans Drive as their lake home; they currently live in Howell. They have a daughter Alison who is in her 4th year at MSU and a son Robert living in Grand Rapids. Finally, there is also a small and very cute dog named Sully.





### **New Neighbors**

Mary Evergreen does a great job welcoming new neighbors but could use YOUR help. Please send her an email if you see movement on houses next/close to you. Her email is mlevergreen at charter dot net.

### **Newsletter**

Please send any articles or pictures you'd like included in the newsletter to Terre Voegeli ([voegelit@gmail.com](mailto:voegelit@gmail.com)).

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