



WLA Board Meeting

The next WLA Board meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 6:30 at the beach house.

Purple Loosestrife

Purple loosestrife is a very hardy perennial which can rapidly spread. While the purple flowers are attractive, when purple loosestrife gets a foothold it can choke out wetlands and lake areas. Habitat where fish and wildlife feed, seek shelter, reproduce and rear young, quickly becomes lost under a sea of purple flowers.



What can be done?

Simply removing flowering spikes will prevent this year's seeds from producing more plants in future years--remember each mature plant can produce over 2 million seeds per year. Also, remove last year's dry seed heads, as they may still contain seeds. Finally, cut the stems at the ground to inhibit growth.

Please Return the WLA Weed Cutter

If you were the last to borrow the WLA weed cutter from Frank Ferguson, please return it to the beach or to Carrie or Greg Dygert as soon as possible.

Unauthorized Chemical Treatment of Aquatic Plants

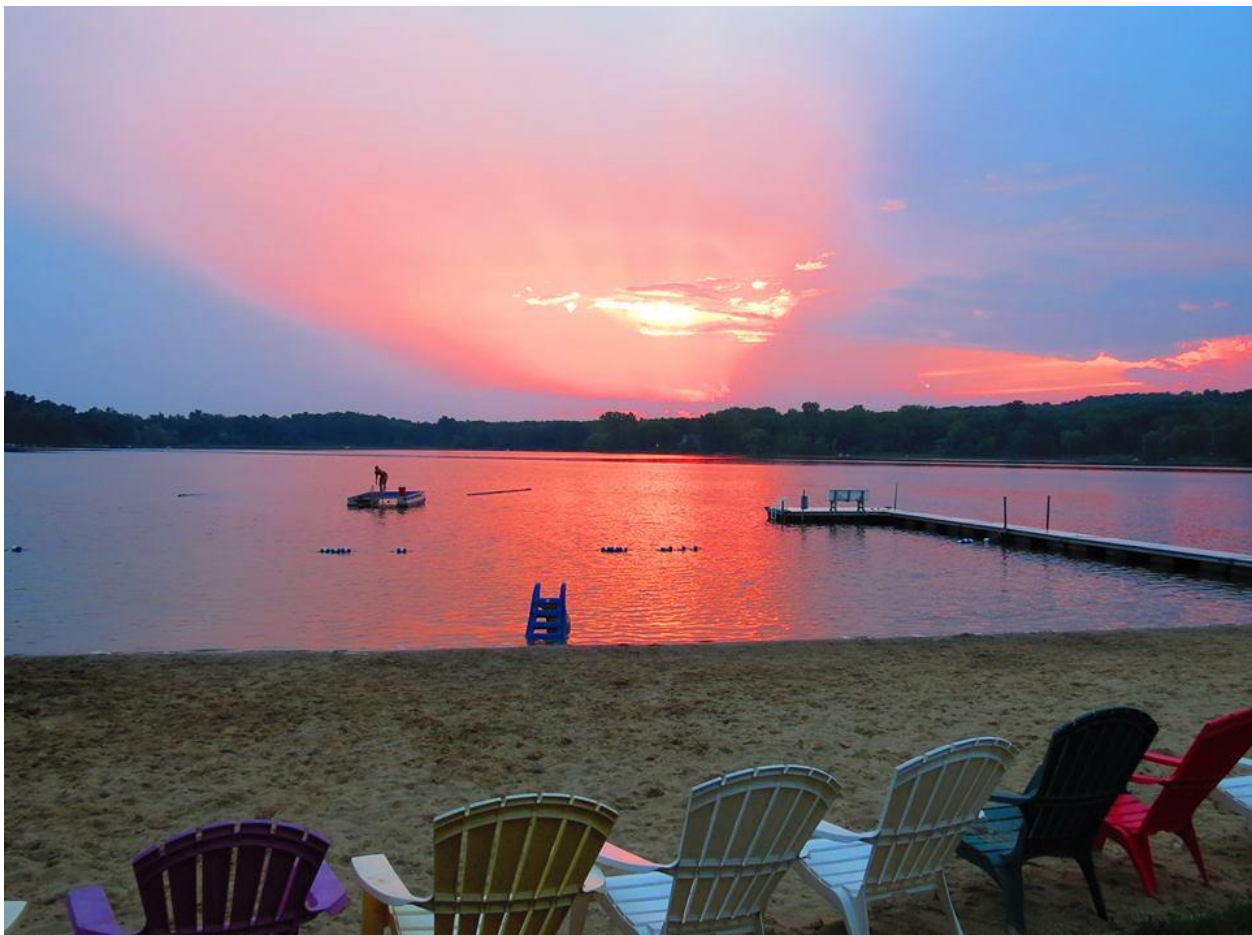
The WLA board received several complaints of a possible rule violation involving unauthorized chemical treatment to plants in the lake. After investigation by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the WLA board, it was determined that a treatment was performed without a permit and without WLA approval. Both the state and WLA board have taken disciplinary action.



Residents are reminded that chemically treating plants in the water requires a permit from Michigan EGLE, and only the WLA is authorized to apply for such permits on behalf of LGCC. In addition, WLA rules require board approval for any any beach, shoreline, or lake bottom modifications or other related activities that require state permitting. This includes any chemical treatment below the high water mark.

Residents are further reminded that any such unauthorized chemical treatments may be reported to EGLE for enforcement action and may also result in suspension of lake privileges per the WLA bylaws. For obvious reasons, the WLA cannot allow such sensitive environment activities to be conducted by unauthorized parties.

Winans Lake Beach News





New Play Structure Update

Good news! Through the generosity of WLA and LGCC members, enough funds have been donated to replace the beach play structure. Carrie Dygert is still accepting donations to purchase an AED to add to the safety equipment at the beach. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our community.

Ongoing Beach Access

More good news! The gates to the beach house will remain unlocked through the Fall so members can take advantage of the swing set, basketball hoop or sit by the beach. Times will be 9 am - 7 pm. Some chairs will be left out for your comfort. Note: The building itself and the restrooms will remain locked.

Volunteers Needed for Beach Closing

September 19 at 1:00 pm. We'll need help with putting the chairs, tables, and grills back into the beach house. We'll also need help bringing in the dock for the winter.



Michael and Brenna Wheeler have moved into 8742 Pleasant Lake Drive with their four children Lian (11), Lilian and Abigail (9), and Cora (7). Rounding out the family is the their dog Buddy and cat Sophia.

Chad and JoAnn Miller have moved into 6055 Winans Drive with their son Harrison. They have two Labradors, Bella and Lexy, and a bird, Sprinkles.

Ken and Jennifer Rekiel have moved into 8687 Club House Drive with their son Aiden, 12, and their daughter Zoey, 10. They also have two dogs, Max and Vixen, as well as four cats (one a foster), Nikki, Floyd, Ritzy, and Luna.



Lake Life



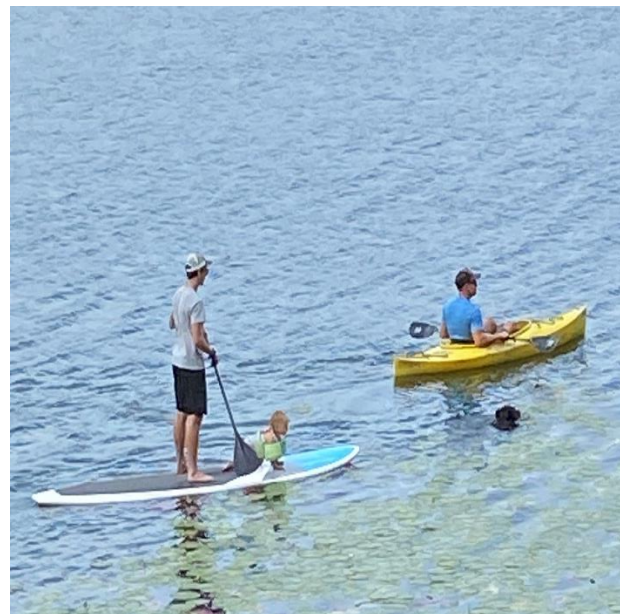
Denise and Al Pelky had a turkey way up in their tree!



Dudley Miller saw a faun in the woods.



Our lake has never been busier than this summer.





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.

WLA Web Site

The Winans Lake Web Site is up and running. Check it out for the latest news and beach schedule at WinansLake.org.

Newsletter

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

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