



## **WLA Board Meeting**

The new WLA Board met June 10th at the beach. Officers were elected for the upcoming year.

WLA Board for 2021-2022:

Greg Dygert, President  
Dennis Durwald, Vice-President  
Simon Ren, Secretary  
Jay Grusin, Treasurer  
Courtney Lewis  
Kristen Hallstrom  
Shane Peltier, member-at-large  
Tim Hicks, LGCC Liaison

## **Eurasian Milfoil Treatments**

The lake was treated for invasive Eurasian milfoil on June 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aquatic Technologies Inc. (ATI). Pelletized 2,4-D based herbicide was applied to known areas of infestation. Access sites and properties within 100ft of treatment areas were posted with signs detailing swimming and watering restrictions.

Follow-up surveys and possible treatments are tentatively scheduled for the week of June 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Important Notice: Access Site Audits and Clean-outs**

In order to make room for additional member boats and enforce compliance with the watercraft identification rule, the WLA is planning an audit and clean-out of the access sites around the lake. The goal is to remove abandoned, unused and unidentified watercraft to better organize the sites and maintain space for valid members. There will be a particular focus on the NE (Ferguson's) access site, which is known to contain several abandoned/unused watercraft.

Any watercraft stored at an access site must display a WLA decal and assigned boat number on EACH side near the front. Watercraft that can be associated with a valid membership but are lacking the required identification stickers may have WLA decals and numbers added as required. Watercraft that cannot be associated with a valid membership may be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the WLA.



Members that have boats stored at any of the access sites are asked to make sure they are properly identified according to the above rule to prevent any issues. WLA decals and numbers are available from any board member.

### **MSU Bathymetric Survey Flyer**

A number of lakefront residents received a flyer from MSU asking for lake and shoreline access to perform a bathymetric survey of the lake. The study involves a grant that MSU received from the Michigan Dept. of EGLE to determine methods to assess the effects of large scale water withdrawals on shorelines. After contacting MSU for details and determining that this data would be available to the public, the WLA and LGCC agreed that allowing this study is not in our best interest at this time.

Residents are reminded that LGCC owns the lake bottom and no one is allowed lake access for these kinds of purposes without prior WLA/LGCC authorization, so please don't allow any access to the lake or your property for this or any other similar activities.

### **Lily Pad Treatment Offer**

The WLA is receiving ongoing complaints that the proliferation of lily pads is causing access issues for some members. Accordingly, the board has approved a plan to allow certain members to use our chemical applicator, ATI, to chemically treat lily pads on a limited basis.

Although lily pads are a protected native species, our existing Aquatic Nuisance Control Permit allows for the treatment of a 20ft wide access lane to open water for developed residential parcels. Only those properties that do not currently have at least a 10ft lane to open water (as determined by WLA surveys) will be deemed qualified for treatment. For qualified members who choose to participate, the cost will be \$250 for each treatment, payable in advance to ATI. An additional treatment the following year may be required to fully clear the treated area.

Members who are interested in participating in this program and believe they meet the above qualification should contact Greg Dygert (stanleywings at yahoo dot com) by July 10th. Surveys will then be completed to confirm eligibility, and the resulting qualified members will be then be contacted with further details and instructions.

For qualified properties that opt-in, ATI will apply a glyphosate-based product



(same active ingredient in Roundup) to clear a 20ft lane in the July-August time frame. Treated areas should not be disturbed for 24hrs to maximize effectiveness, but otherwise will have no restrictions. The initial treatment should kill and clear 50-70% of vegetation. If desired, the member may request a 2nd follow-up treatment the following year for an additional \$250. Only two treatments will be authorized initially. Once cleared, treated areas should remain substantially clear of lily pads for about 5 years. However, areas that are cleared will be susceptible to other vegetation growing in place of the lily pads. Members should be prepared to use manual methods to maintain cleared areas after chemical treatment, as subsequent chemical treatments may not be allowed.

Lily pads are a native plant that provide valuable habitat and are thus considered a valuable part of the lake ecosystem. Accordingly, our lake advisor and best management practices generally recommend against removing them. In addition, the WLA strives to minimize the amount of chemicals used the lake and strongly recommends manual removal whenever possible. However, the WLA also recognizes that the proliferation of lily pads in recent years has caused access issues for some members and that manual removal is not practical in all cases.

### **SSRC - Winans Lake Drainage District**

Zoom calls were held March 8 and 9 to answer questions regarding the proposed Winans Lake Drainage District; formerly referred to as SSRC in Winans Lake Views articles.

A Q&A document is available on the Winans Lake Website containing information from the Zoom calls. Here is a direct link to the webpage containing the document:

[Winans-Lake-Drainage-District-Q-As-March-8-9-SSRC](#)

A second petition is being submitted to the Livingston County Drain Commission to continue the process.



## **Beach News**

The beach opened Memorial Day weekend as weather permitted. And our recent hot weather makes the cool lake waters very welcome. Here are the current hours of operation:

### **June 1st through Labor Day**

Sunday-Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. -7:30 p.m.

Wednesday-Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **Beach Closures**

Unfortunately, we have experienced a lot of inclement, even ugly rainy, weather. The beach Facebook page announces when the beach is closed.

Link to [Winans Lake Beach Club Facebook](#) page.

You can also call to check current status at 810-231-9820 (beach) or (810) 231-3000 (LGCC).



**Save the Date  
August 27, 2021!**

Friday Beach Grill and Chill  
featuring the lake's favorite:

**Big Foot Bob!**

Time is 6:00 pm - 9:00pm.

Life is Good!



**Lost Beach Toys**

It happens every year - beach toys escape from the beach and roam the lake. If you find any swim toy you suspect belongs to the beach, call Carrie 734\_604\_5822 to come pick it up, or simply return it to the beach.

Thanks much!





## 4th of July

As we ease back into life as we knew it, we are adjusting our 4th of July activities accordingly. We will have:

- **8:00 am** - The morning relay at the beach
- **10:30 am** - Winans Drive Parade starting at Gov Winan's stone marker
- Flag raising immediately following the parade
- **3:00 pm** boat parade starting at the beach (feel free to decorate your boat), heading counter clockwise once around the lake.
- **4:00 pm on** - As in past years, additional tables will be available at the beach for folks who want to take their own food and drink and gather for a community meal. *WLA will not be providing any food or drink this year.*

*Hope you can join us for some or all of these events.*

## 4th of July T-Shirts

Martha Leabu has ordered a small supply of the WLA 4th of July shirt and will have them for sale on her front porch (6023 Winans Drive) starting Saturday, June 26th. They are \$10.00 each, 100% cotton, flag design and text "Winans Lake 4th of July".

*Note: **Limited** supply!*





## **Passages**

Long time resident, neighbor and friend Hank McMillian passed away on 6/15/2021. Hank was 97 years old and led a full and rewarding life. He was born in Texas in 1923 and lived through the Oklahoma Dust Bowl. Hank enlisted in the air force for WW2 and remained stationed at Willow Run after his brother was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a flight engineer on B24 test flights. Hank lived over 40 years on Winans Drive, the last 20+ years alone after his wife Maggie died. He will be remembered as an avid golfer, good conversationist and a lover of good food. And who can forget him playing Kick the Can with the neighbor kids at 78? Hank will be missed by all those who knew him.

## **Lake Life**





## **Ladies Evening Kayak Ride**

All ladies of the lake are welcome to join in for an evening boat ride every Wednesday, weather permitting, at 8:00pm. We will start at my raft (in the middle of the south shore where the blue boathouse is located) at 8:00pm, go counter clockwise once around the lake, then enjoy the sunset. Feel free to start at the beginning, or join in as we go by. 12 of us did this last Wednesday, and enjoyed it so much we decided to make it a weekly event.

## **Welcome to the Neighborhood**

Please welcome Deborah Friauff to the lake association. She lives at 8730 Club House Drive along with her adult daughter Emma.

## **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).

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