



The Winans Lake Board wishes you and all of your loved ones health and happiness in the new year.

### **WLA Board Meeting**

The January Board Meeting will be Thursday January 13th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The February Board Meeting will be Thursday February 13th at 6:30 pm. Since LGCC will still be closed until Valentine's Day, it will be held via Zoom.

### **MSU Extension Education**

Michigan is home to over 11,000 inland lakes and each one provides irreplaceable benefits and deserves our attention. The MSU Extension ***Introduction to Lakes Online*** course is designed for anyone with a passion or curiosity for lakes including lakefront property owners, government officials, lake managers, and educators. Through video lectures, discussion boards, webinars, and activities participants dive into



lakes and learn how to protect them for future generations.

Registration for the award winning, six-week Introduction to Lakes Online course is now open. The 2022 course runs January 25 to March 16. The cost of the course is \$115 per person. Register by January 3 to receive an early-bird discount of \$95 per person. Registration ends Jan. 21.

Scholarships are available. [Registration information is available on the Introduction to Lakes course web page.](#)

Course topics include lake ecology, watersheds, shorelines, water law, aquatic plant management, and community involvement. Participants also have an opportunity to interact with course instructors and professionals from Michigan State University, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources through three live Ask-an-Expert webinar sessions.

In addition to leaving the course with practical knowledge and resources, participants can also receive the following:

- Free one-year membership to Michigan Lakes and Streams Association
- 16 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification credits
- 6 Master Citizen Planner Education credits
- 16 Michigan Master Naturalist credits
- 16 Michigan Conservation Stewards Program advanced training hours
- 16 Master Gardener education hours

[Click here for the course page and registration link.](#)

## **Winans Lake Drain Update**

Congratulations to the Winans Lake Community for the momentous victory that was achieved on December 13th when a Board of Determination unanimously agreed that the Winans Lake Drain was necessary and should go forward!



Now, finally—after decades of gridlock, roadblocks, failed attempts and piecemeal actions—there promises to be a comprehensive and holistically engineered solution to the storm water induced degradation of our Lake, roads, properties and quality of life.

We should all be very proud of how our community mobilized in force to protect our Lake by providing hours of passionate, compelling and, ultimately, indisputable testimony. Remarkably, some of those who testified in opposition were some of the most compelling witnesses for the drain, as they confirmed that there were indeed problems that needed to be solved. And, alas, some self-proclaimed friends of the Lake showed their true colors for all to see.

We must all thank the WLA's SSRC committee for the 3+ years of diligent hard work that enabled this victory. In addition to their time and effort, they also put their reputations and even friendships on the line for the greater good of the Lake and community. We must also be thankful to all of the members who showed their support at a critical time by signing petitions, writing letters and testifying at meetings. We also owe gratitude to those who have worked in the past to solve these issues. Their work was the foundation for this victory and was not in vain! We further thank the Livingston County Drain Commission for their responsiveness and professionalism. Last but not least, kudos to the Board of Determination for their careful and correct decision!

So, while we had a bit more to celebrate for this holiday season, we also know that important work lies ahead of us: specifically, the task of ensuring that this project is executed effectively from an engineering and cost standpoint. Our membership can rest assured that the WLA and SSRC is committed to seeing this through accordingly.

The drain project will now continue on with the next steps of scoping, engineering, bidding, apportionment of costs and, finally, construction—probably a 2–3-year timeline in all. The WLA and SSRC will continue to keep the membership informed of the progress going forward as we have from the very beginning.

**Congratulations and Happy New Year!**



## Winans Lake is Frozen!

The lake froze Sunday, January 2nd and already the smooth ice is being enjoyed by skaters. And the ice fishermen are out. Let's review the proper lake etiquette for ice fishing.

In particular, WLA rules require that all ice anglers must clearly display a valid ice fishing flag. Since the lake is so much easier to access when frozen, trespass becomes a common problem in the winter. Ice fishing flags are the only tool we have to identify ice anglers as legitimate lake users and, thus, ensure privacy. Members who ignore this rule are disrespecting the time and efforts of those who accept the onerous task of keeping our lake private. Accordingly, the WLA board plans on taking a harder line on this rule going forward. The WLA board requests the help of the membership by contacting or at least reporting ice anglers without flags or other rule violations.



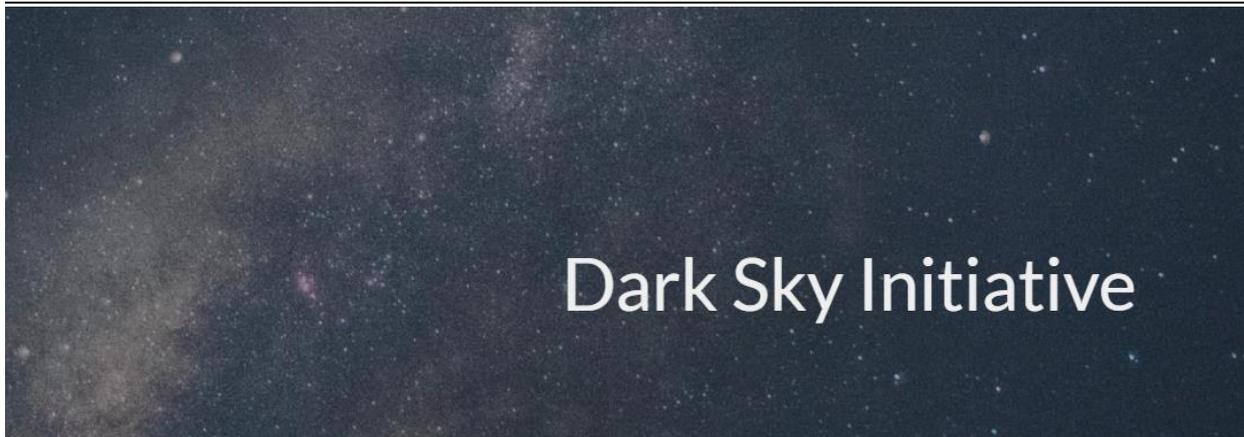
Ice fishing flags are readily available from Greg Dygert. You can reach him by phone (810-two-three-one-2644) or email (stanleywings at yahoo dot com).

Ice anglers should also be aware that the WLA has recently approved a rule change to allow battery powered ice drills/augers. Gas powered augers, liquid fueled equipment or heaters, chainsaws, motorized vehicles and ice holes larger than 8 inches are prohibited.



Please review the WLA Ice Fishing Rules 2022:

- Valid ice fishing flags must be clearly displayed at all times when ice fishing. No more than 1 shanty per flag. LGCC members must be present with their flag.
- State fishing laws and WLA fishing rules, whichever are more restrictive, shall be observed' (see [Winans Lake Rules](#)).
- No tip-ups, tip-downs, or other setlines are permitted. Setlines are defined as any fishing line that is more than fifteen (15) feet from the fisherman or that is not under the direct sight and control of the fisherman.
- Bass over 18" and pike under 26" must be released. Catch and release on all bass and pike is recommended.
- No spearing is allowed at any time.
- Any baitfish used must be obtained from a State-certified dealer and must not be disposed of in the lake or on the ice.
- Gas powered ice augers or other liquid fueled equipment or chainsaws may not be used. Ice holes must not exceed 8" in diameter.
- No snowmobiles, ORVs or motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed.
- Shanties shall be removed from the lake at the end of each day.
- No litter or human or animal waste shall be placed in or on Winans Lake.
- Guests are subject to WLA rules, and their conduct is the responsibility of the member hosting them.
- Any angler in violation of lake rules may have their fishing privileges revoked.
- Ice fishing flags must be returned to the WLA or LGCC by April 1st each year.



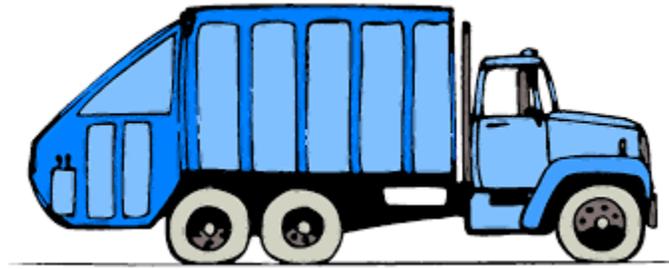
## Dark Sky Initiative

Those of us living around Winans Lake are treated to many spectacular views throughout the seasons, but perhaps none are more beautiful than the sky at night with the natural light of the moon, stars and planets above the Lake. Unfortunately, these views are often degraded by the excessive exterior lighting of some of our neighbors. In fact, excessive exterior lighting is one of the most common complaints received by the WLA board.

The WLA supports the [dark sky initiative](#) and urges members to be aware and considerate of others with regard to their exterior (and especially lake side) lighting.

Members are further reminded of the following WLA rule: “To help maintain the natural character of the community and avoid light pollution, all outdoor lighting shall be managed so that there is no glare beyond the property line. All special-purpose outdoor lighting (e.g., to illuminate swimming, skating, or deck areas) shall be turned off by 10 p.m.”

For many of us, the absence of light pollution constitutes one of the main benefits of living outside the city. So please take the time to review your exterior lighting from your neighbor’s perspective and from across the lake and make any adjustments necessary to be a respectful neighbor. Options include extinguishing all unnecessary outdoor lighting, lower intensity lamps, shading, motion sensors, etc.



## Update on Trash Service Dan Luria

Just a quick update on two new developments in our ad hoc committee's continuing efforts to reduce garbage truck service in the neighborhood (and beyond) ...

- The Garbage Man, to which 53 WLA members switched in 2019-21, has – as its customers are no doubt aware – raised its quarterly base rate by \$6, its first increase since 2016. I let them know that doing that without any prior announcement was a questionable business practice. More important, effective January 19th the company (like GFL and Advanced) will be going to a roll cart rather than blue bags for recycling, which it will pick up every two weeks. It will now take glass as well as paper and plastic. The cost is \$20 a quarter (hence \$1.54 per week), and as always recycling is optional. If you have paid for blue recycling bags, you may continue to use those until you run out. Call 810.225.3001 to try to delay being billed for the cart before you need to start using it.
- The Township continues to move, albeit too slowly, to serious consideration of soliciting bids for what we term a “one trash” system, in which each route (and possibly the entire township) would be serviced by a single hauler. An important signpost on the road to this eminently sensible approach will occur on January 18th, when the Township Board of Trustees will hear a presentation from a consultant about how to go about developing and fielding a request for proposal (RFP). We do not seek a big public turnout, as the goal of this meeting is to keep the Board comfortable with the idea rather than to try to influence individual trustees' views. If and when such



pressure becomes more appropriate, our committee will let WLA members know.

Hamburg Township is the largest city or township in Southeast Michigan without “organized” trash collection, and our multiple haulers ‘Wild West’ approach is estimated to be responsible for 30% of road repair expense. Indeed, it is anticipated that, if and when the Township moves to single hauler, the 1 mil (\$1.0 million) roads millage will be rolled back to 0.7 or 0.8 mils. Under single-hauler, trash and recycling collection would be consolidated into winter tax bills. We have studied the seven Southeast Michigan communities that have adopted single hauler since 2015, and by consolidating billing rates to residents were reduced an average of 25%.

Questions or comments? Contact Dan at [dluria1943@gmail.com](mailto:dluria1943@gmail.com)

## **Recycling**

As many of you know I recycle just about everything. I am a member with Recycle Livingston located in Howell. Things that may not be able to be recycled curbside I can take there.

It’s been a couple of years and I wanted to remind everyone that I’m willing to help recycle unusual items. Things like wine corks and greeting cards (holiday and others) can be reused and I can get them where they need to go.

Some items may or may not be recyclable through our waste haulers. (Please continue to check with your current hauler as these items may change over time.) If these items show up on my front porch--clean and bagged--I will pass them on:

- Styrofoam packing material, but no peanuts. (Some of the new peanuts are made from degradable material and will melt if put in water!)
- Plastic bags--Garbage Man takes them, GFL and WM--No.
- Clear and colored glass--GFL and WM takes them, Garbage Man--is starting but rules not yet clear.



I appreciate whatever effort you can make to keep these materials out of the landfills and the environment. If you have any questions feel free to contact me by email.

Thank you and have a fabulous 2022,  
Mary Evergreen

## **Found - Who misplaced it?**

Mary Evergreen found a sledgehammer/ axe combo on her front porch. It has a yellow handle with blue tape on it. Whosoever left it or misplaced it should pick it up.

## **Community News**

*Information comes to the attention of the WLA board that is not associated with the association's charter but is still of interest to the community. This section is added to pass on that information to the Winans Lake community.*

### **Livingston County 2022 Road and Bridge Projects**

The following article outlines the 2022 road and bridge projects planned for 2022. Click on the link to read the article.

[Livingston Daily Article - 2022 Projects](#)

## **Lake Life**

The Christmas Carolers were out Saturday evening December 18th bringing cheer to the neighborhood.





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## Welcome to the Newest Winans Lake Resident



Elliot Matthew Lewis was born on Wednesday, December 8 to Matt and Courtney Lewis. He is joined at home by big brother, Jack, and big sister, Charley.

### **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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