



WLA Board Meeting

The next WLA Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on September 14th and will be held at LGCC.

Winans Lake Watercraft and Access Sites



Winans Lake is a private lake and only WLA members may place watercraft on Winans Lake. To minimize invasive introduction into Winans Lake, guests and non-WLA members are not allowed to place their watercraft on the lake. WLA guests may only use the properly marked and registered watercraft of their WLA member host. LGCC members that are not WLA members may only use LGCC boats identified with the number "75".

WLA maintains three access sites which are available for use by WLA members who do not have lake frontage. These are located on Winans Drive, Pleasant Lake Drive and Community Drive.

The WLA is continuing to work on removing unclaimed boats from the access sites, particularly the Pleasant Lake Drive site.



Community Correspondence

The Winans Lake Association received the following letter:

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to send some positive feedback on the Winans Lake Association - I was teaching an environmental science lesson to some elementary students the other day, and when they were doing a webquest about invasive species they ended up on the WLA invasives webpage (this page here winanslake.org/environment/invasives/) They thought I should let you know that we were using it as a resource, and found some great information so thank you =)

Sincerely,

Ms. Garcia & Katrina, Elizabeth, Julia, and Chris

You can check out our invasive page yourself. But even more importantly, use the WLA website to refresh your memory regarding the proper protocol for keeping invasives out of our lake:

[INVASIVE PREVENTION](#)

To prevent the spread of invasive species, all Winans Lake Users should adhere to the following guidelines ([some of these are now required by Michigan law](#)):

CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY any and all objects that have been in contact with any other body of water before using in Winans Lake. This including boats,



canoes, boards, rafts, kayaks, inflatables, swim gear, swimsuits, toys, fishing gear, clothing, footwear gear, paddles, floats, ropes, anchors, nets, etc.

- **CLEAN** off visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud from all equipment before leaving another water access. Rinse equipment and boat hulls with high pressure, hot water when possible. Disinfect with bleach solution (1/2 cup bleach to 5 gallons water) for at least 20 minutes.
- **DRAIN** any water containing devices before leaving water access and rinse with with high pressure, hot water when possible. Disinfect with bleach solution (1/2 cup bleach to 5 gallons water).
- **DRY** everything in the sun for at least five days OR wipe with a towel before reuse.
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, worms, and fish parts in the trash. Never dump any material—including water, live fish or other organisms—from one water body into another.
- **REGISTER and IDENTIFY** all watercraft used on Winans Lake with decals and numbers per the WLA RULES. This is the primary means of identifying watercraft that are allowed on the lake.

Purple Loosestrife



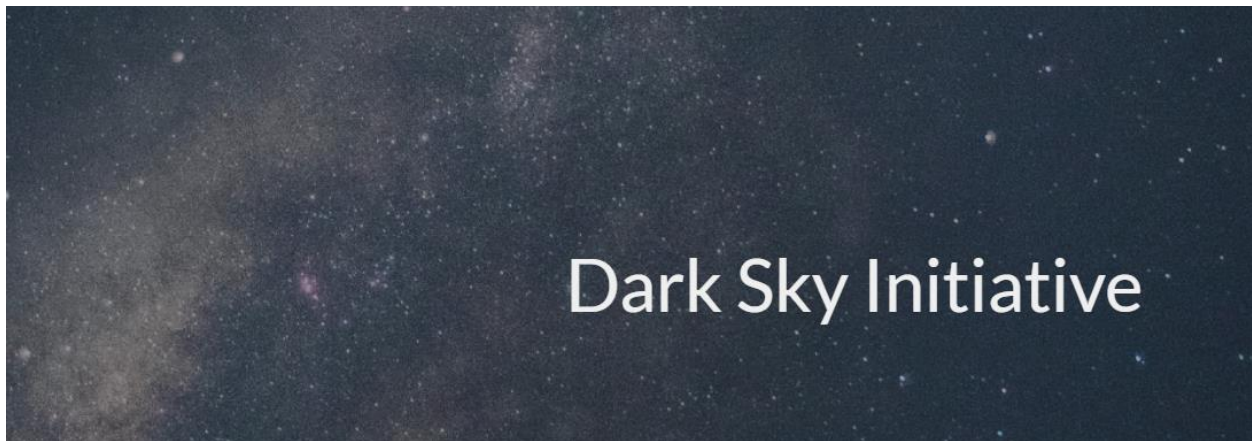
“A weed is a plant whose virtues are yet to be discovered.” While that might be true, we do have several invasive plants that occupy the shoreline and wetlands around Winans Lake. The Michigan Department of Resources (DNR) identifies an invasive species is one that is **not native** and whose introduction **causes harm**, or is likely to cause harm to Michigan's economy, environment, or human health.

One of these invasive plants is in bloom right now. You cannot miss this plant with its spike of red flowers, *purple loosestrife*. A perennial plant found rooted in the wet soil habitat of our lake. The Michigan DNR states, “Given the right conditions, purple loosestrife can rapidly establish itself and replace native vegetation. This can lead to a reduction in plant diversity, which reduces the habitat value



to wildlife. The plant can replace other common plants (milk weed, cat tails) that are good for the Winans Lake ecosystem. The plant can grow to seven feet. One plant can produce some 2,000,000 seeds. These seeds can live in the water for 20 months.

It's difficult to remove or control purple loosestrife when it is as prevalent as it is around Winans Lake. Spread can be reduced by removing flower heads and placing them carefully in a bag. If it's in your yard or along your lakefront, it can be dug, unfortunately repeatedly, to minimize spread.



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 (<https://wildernesscenter.org/dark-sky-conservation/>) 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.

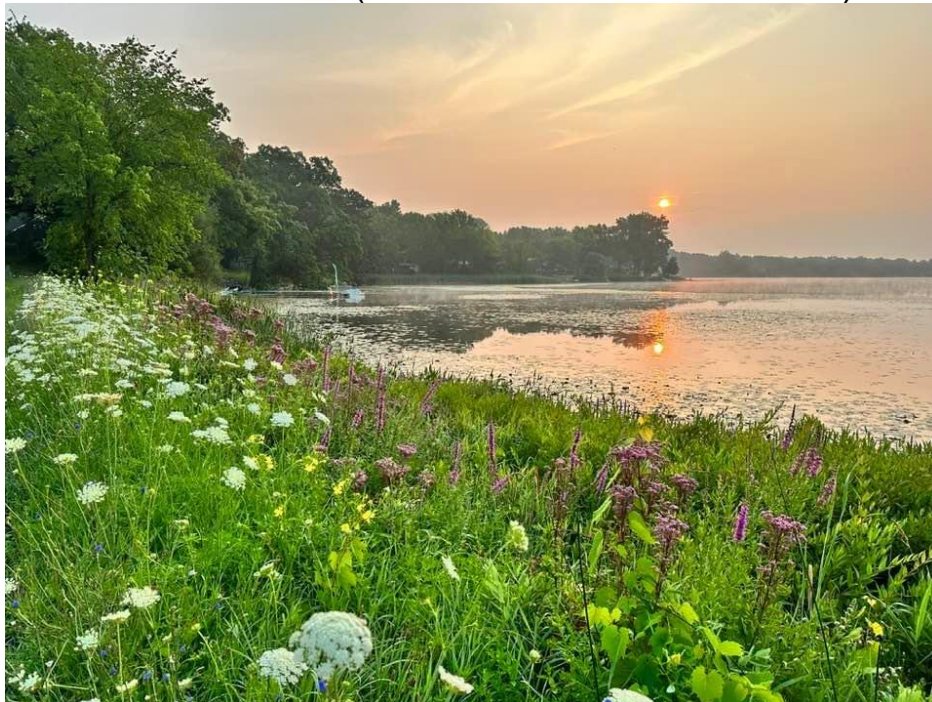
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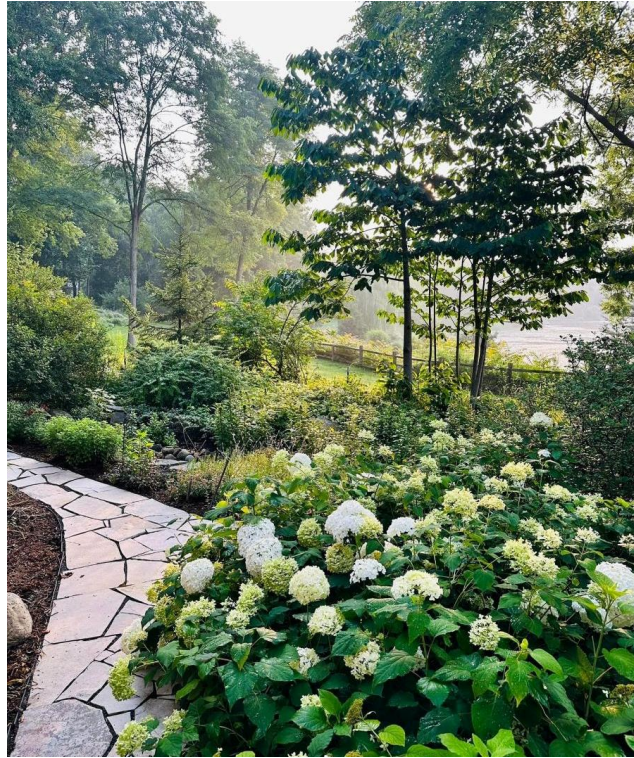
Information comes to the attention of the WLA board that is not associated with the association's charter but is still of interest to the community. This section is added to pass on that information to the Winans Lake community.

Freedom River is a comprehensive outdoor recreation center located on Winans Lake Road that assists in re-assimilation of U.S. military service members, veterans and their families. Check out their website for more information on this project: <https://freedomriverflows.org/>.

Lake Life

A beautiful view (but the loosestrife is invasive).





Another beautiful vista!
Planted or volunteer? (Not invasive.)





Nancy Doniger

Please welcome the following new neighbors:

Athena and Walt Reister moved into 5917 Winans Drive with their dog Zoey.

Elizabeth Stehower and David Hilbert moved into 6236 Cowell.

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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