



# Lake Templene Newsletter



Summer Issue 2012

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## President's Message: Lake Preservation Plan Update July 2012

There has been much important action concerning the Lake Preservation Plan Special Assessment District (SAD) over the past several weeks. Nottawa Township, which passed a resolution last summer to move their petition process forward, held a public information meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The public reaction was generally positive. At the June meeting of the Sherman Township Board, a decision was made to move the petition process to a public information meeting which took place on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Once again, the public reaction was generally positive.

At the regular Sherman Township Board Meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> and the regular Nottawa Township Board meeting on the same date, resolutions were passed by both townships to move the petition process forward to a public meeting. This meeting is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> and will be a joint meeting of both Nottawa and Sherman townships.

The proposed properties to be included in the boundary of the SAD will be reviewed and a determination made on whether the SAD will become a reality.

The events outlined above are very positive steps, but the formation of Special Assessment Districts to fund the Lake Preservation Plan is not a done deal. **The Public Meeting held by the two Townships is the critical point in time where our Lake Preservation Plan lives or dies!** We need everyone who supports the Lake Preservation Plan to demonstrate support by attending the Public Meeting held on **August 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM at Glen Oaks Community College, Nora Hagen Theater** (adjacent to the parking lot on the lower level).

**Let's push this vital plan for preserving our wonderful community across the finish line!**  
By *Jack Rote*

## Aquatic Plant Management - Lake Status Summer 2012

In LTPOA's last newsletter the question was, "What effect would the mild winter and early hot spring have on aquatic plants in Lake Templene?" The answer was evident. There was a bumper crop early in the season. The major invasive plant was Eurasian Milfoil; however native milfoil, pondweed and coontail were also present in ample numbers. This necessitated treating massive beds of invasives earlier than planned. The results were good with the early treatment and the lake has remained navigable in all areas.

A second treatment in June focused on Starry Stonewort. This plant had not yet presented itself in May but was coming on strong in June. Aquatic Services, our chemical treatment applicator, has been able to control these algae though the spread continues throughout the lake. It has spread into areas previously populated with other invasives and has kept them from repopulating. The overall result has been that the lake is much more open and useable to date this season.

Our third treatment came in July at a time when Celery, Coontail, Pondweed, Milfoils and Naiad were again beginning to make appearances. In addition, the Stonewort still continues to spread out and up. The applicator, though focusing on

Stonewort, was prepared and ready to treat the other invasive plants where they presented.

Overall this has been a good year on Lake Templene. Aquatic plants have been well managed and the lake has been welcoming to all through these hot summer months.

By *Dennis Nemeth*



Photo by Bruce Van Gelder

### Important Announcement Regarding August 4th!

Instead of holding a picnic during the afternoon on August 4th, the LTPOA will be joining with Island Hills and The Grille Tavern for an Hawaiian Luau in the cooler evening! There will be a traditional Hawaiian pig roast, Ahi tuna, chicken kabobs, Kikuchan's potato-crab salad, char siu chicken adobo, tropical salad, coconut cake with mango sauce, and more. A selection of many tropical drinks will be available - Blue Hawaii, Lava Flow, Waikiki Punch, etc. The Luau buffet is scheduled from 5PM - 12AM with the band "The Whale Shark" playing live from 7-10 PM. A tent for extra seating, games, prizes, and fun are all in the planning. **Bring your lawn chairs!** LTPOA members will receive \$5.00 discount vouchers, one per member, when they check in with a designated LTPOA representative at the door. These discount vouchers may be used towards payment of the food and beverage checks. Bring your lawn chairs to ensure seating on the lawn to listen to music after dining. If you have any questions please call Dolly Padgurskis 269-467-4728.

### Addendum Signing Update

Shore Captains continue to get signatures from people in their developments. Currently finished:

- Curves End
- Hickory Hills III
- Hidden River Hills I
- Hidden River Hills II
- Canadian Shores

Thanks to shore captains Alice Reinertson, Ed Burg, Mark Hoehner, and LaMar Rodgers. Nice job! Addendum signing is very important. Enforcement of the covenants cannot happen without your signature on this addendum. Therefore, letters of future concerns will not be written without the signed current addendum, containing the enforcement procedure, registered at the Registrar of Deeds office. Your shore captain has the addendum for you to sign. Let's try to complete this by September 1st.

By *Leslie Van Gelder*



Island Hills and The Grille Tavern  
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### Ladies of Lake Templene Luncheons

Everyone attending the June luncheon at Riverside Receptions had a pleasant event enjoying the beautifully landscaped gardens and the food provided by Yoders Country Market of Centreville. Due to the summer activity, the July luncheon is canceled. Please check the LTPOA website calendar or watch for the next Evite in your email in-box to learn about upcoming luncheon events. For more information or to be put on the email list contact Dolly at [dolly61655@comcast.net](mailto:dolly61655@comcast.net) or 467-4728. Current schedule:

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|----------------|--|
| July 26th      | Canceled                                     |
| August 30th    | Ianareli's Italian Restaurant                |
| September 27th | Schnauzers Restaurant                        |
| October 25th   | Fisher Lake Inn                              |
| December 4th   | The Grille Tavern - Welcome Christmas Season |

### LTPOA Board Meetings

The LTPOA Board of Directors meeting is held the second Monday of every month, 6:00 PM, at The Grille Tavern unless otherwise announced. **All LTPOA members are reminded that they may attend any and all of the monthly Board meetings.** You can get much information about lake management, planning, finances, and all Board activities if you come to regular Board meetings. It is important for the Board to get constructive input and ideas from residents as well. Members may come to bring questions and concerns or just to observe and listen.

By *LTPOA Board*

## Lake Templene Water Quality Comparisons

The Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) has been an important component of Michigan's inland lakes monitoring program for over 35 years, which makes it the second oldest volunteer monitoring program for lakes in the country. The primary purpose of the CLMP is to help citizen volunteers monitor indicators of water quality in their lakes and document changes in lake quality over time.

The current program enlists volunteers to monitor water clarity, the algal plant pigment chlorophyll *a*, dissolved oxygen throughout the summer months, and total phosphorus during the spring and late summer. These parameters are indicators of primary productivity and, if measured over many years, may document changes in the lakes.

### Water Quality Management

- Lake Templene continues to participate in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program
- 250 lakes across Michigan participate
- An annual report is issued each year comparing the measurement results for all the participating lakes
- The annual reports for all the participating lakes in Michigan can be viewed at [www.micorps.net](http://www.micorps.net).

### Lake Templene Results and Comparisons for 2011

- **Water Clarity** – Transparency or clarity of water is measured using a Secchi Disk, an eight inch diameter target painted black and white in alternating quadrants. The distance into the water column the disk can be seen is the transparency. Lake Templene's measurements average about 12 feet 6 inches, similar to last year's clarity number. Other lakes in St. Joseph County numbers were: Corey 12-7, Fishers 12-9, Klinger 11-1, Perrin 11-9, and Pleasant 8-7.
- **Chlorophyll** – The amount of algae in a lake can be estimated by measuring the chlorophyll in the water. Lake water samples are taken once a month to measure the concentration of small plants or the indication of algae. The chlorophyll Carlson TSI value range is <31 to 60 with a mean of 40. Lake Templene's numbers were similar to the other lakes in St. Joseph County. Lake Templene's score was 39, Corey 40, and Klinger 37.



Female mallard duck and ducklings. Stock photo.

- **Phosphorus** – The total amount of phosphorus measured in the water is used to predict the level of productivity in the lake. An increase in phosphorus over time is an indication of nutrient enrichment, plant and algae productivity. The level of phosphorus is measured in the spring and fall. The Carlson TSI values ranged from <27 to 66 with a mean of 38. Lake Templene's score was 39, Corey <27, Fishers 32, Perrin 34, Klinger <27

\*Phosphorus is a measurement of the nutrients in the lake. These nutrients stimulate plant growth. Everyone can help reduce this number by using organic fertilizers and using planting areas to separate lawns from the lake to filter the phosphorus out of the land run off water.

A lake's ability to support plant and animal life defines its level of productivity, or *trophic state*. The three main lakes in St. Joseph County are considered Eutrophic with similar numbers. Klinger and Corey lakes are deeper lakes but are quite similar in water quality characteristics to Lake Templene. Though it often seems otherwise with the constant focus on weed management, Lake Templene is actually in good standing for overall water quality when compared to many other Michigan lakes. It is right in the middle holding the same status as the other main lakes in St. Joseph County.

By Ray Reinertson



Swan and cygnets on the 18th hole. Photo by Pam Cuddy



Swan chick, called a cygnet. Stock photo.

## Golf Carts on Our Roadways - Legal or Illegal?

While driving to the golf course the other morning I spotted a group of cars backed up behind a golf cart headed West on Findley road. The two adults in the front had big smiles as they slowly made their way. The two very young children on the back could not have had bigger smiles on their little faces as they were enjoying the ride.

With the advent of higher gas prices and our population getting older, more and more people believe they are "going green" and saving money by driving golf carts instead of the family car. But, is this legal in Michigan? The answer may surprise you, yes *and* no. Let's look at the law in Michigan. As it pertains to driving them on the "private" roads of Lake Templene they are perfectly legal. Now, about driving them on the State and County roadways:

1. To drive a golf cart on a roadway in Michigan the driver must be licensed. A roadway is defined in the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code as that portion of the highway containing the ditch slope, shoulder, traveled portion, shoulder, and ditch slope on the other side. In simpler terms "ditch on one side to ditch on the other side."
2. The golf cart must be licensed. To meet licensing requirements almost everything you would find on your car is required - head lamps, stop lamps, turn signals, mirrors, brakes and much more. Not everything that is required can be listed in a short article, but trust me, 99% of all golf carts don't meet the requirements.
3. No fault insurance and proof of insurance is required.
4. A golf cart may travel faster than 25 MPH but it has to do at least 20 MPH.

5. Safety belts are required.
6. Crash helmet must be worn if the golf cart does not have a roof that meets or exceeds the standards for roof-crush resistance.

There are many more requirements not mentioned here. However, one more needs to be stated. **Even if you managed to meet all the requirements you cannot drive a golf cart on a roadway that has a speed limit above 35 MPH.** The speed limits on Findley Rd., Nottawa Rd., Shimmel Rd., and Sauger Lake Rd. are all 55 MPH. **No golf cart may operate legally on any of those roadways.**

By Retired  
State Police  
Commander  
*Mike Risko*

Photo by Kate TerHaar



## New Personal Water Craft Operating Laws Effective Summer 2012

**These new regulations for PWC operation age restrictions and education went into effect October 1, 2011:**

**Persons less than 14 years old:**  
May not operate a PWC.

**Persons between 14 and 15 years old:**  
May operate a PWC only if:

1. He or she is accompanied on the PWC by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years old who has been designated by the parent or guardian **OR**
2. He or she is operating or riding the PWC not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years old who has been designated by the parent or guardian.

### Safety Education Requirements for Operating PWCs:

Persons 16 years old and older, born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.  
Persons born before December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC

legally without restrictions following all laws and DNRE mandated safety guidelines.

The **Michigan Official Boater Safety Education Course** is available to take on-line at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) or [www.boat-ed/michigan/boating](http://www.boat-ed/michigan/boating). Once the course is completed, the exam may also be taken on-line. After passing the exam, there is a \$29.50 fee to obtain the Michigan Boater Education Certificate. It is issued in the form of a Boater Education Card which contains the certificate number and certification date. The card does not expire and does not need to be renewed. It is often called a Michigan Boating License even though it is not truly a license. All water vessel operators, on boats or PWC, who are required to have a Boater Education Card must carry the card at all times when operating the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer. Not carrying a Boater Education Card can result in a fine.

For details about the boater education law, who is exempt from the education requirement, which courses are approved, the equivalency exam, and the application for the Boater Education Card, visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

By *Dolly Padgurskis*



One of the keys to good communication is knowing where to get an organization's official, factually correct information. The purpose of this notice is to clarify for the LTPOA membership how and where the official information can be obtained. An additional purpose is to explain the intended function of the Yahoo Group.

#### Lake Templene Website - <http://www.laketemplene.org>

The website is one official source of information. Current announcements are posted regularly on the homepage together with updates on lake management activities. There is a calendar that lists upcoming events often months in advance. Information on the LTPOA Board, meeting minutes, finance reports, and more is listed and updated monthly. It is important to check the website regularly for notices and announcements as some items are timely and may be of immediate importance such as scheduled weed treatments that limit lake water usage.

Remember, you do not need to register or log in to access most of the website including home page, events calendar, covenants, by-laws, purchasing, videos, photos, articles, etc. Registration and log in is only required to access the Members Only Files which include LTPOA balance sheets, meeting minutes, shore captain information, and other pertinent documents.

The website has assisting directions for registering to access the Members Only section. **To register**, click on the **Log In** tab on the top bar and the **Register** tab will drop down. Click on the **Register** tab and the information form appears. Next to each line is a box with a question mark. Click on the question mark box and an explanation for the information needed for that line will appear. You may also call Leslie Van Gelder 467-6276 for information on attending an LTPOA website training group.

#### Lake Templene Newsletter

Another official source is the Lake Templene newsletter. The newsletter is published Spring, Summer, and Fall to summarize key information related to lake management and general lake community concerns and activities of the related period. It also contains announcements of upcoming activities and serves to enhance information provided on the website or to serve as the main source of information for homeowners who do not have or are unable to use comput-

ers. It is important to read the newsletter to ensure that you receive the full scope of information available. The current and past newsletters are available on the website. **If you are not receiving the newsletter, contact Susan Leist 467-7142 to ensure your information on the mailing list is correct.**

#### LTPOA Board Members and Shore Captains

The final official source of information is the LTPOA Board members and the shore captains serving the individual developments. Every effort is made to keep all the Board members active and informed. Meeting minutes and key information is distributed to shore captains to keep them up to date on all matters as well. A list of Board members and shore captains is available on the website and published in every Summer's newsletter. Their telephone numbers are available in the Lake Templene Directory. Once logged in to the LTPOA website, each Board member's email can be accessed by clicking on the desired member's name. Any member or shore captain will gladly answer any question or concern or direct you to an appropriate source for an answer. Questions may also be directed to the Board's general email listed at the bottom of the website homepage as **Email:LTPOABoard.org**

#### What it's the Yahoo! Group?

The Yahoo! Group for Lake Templene is meant to be a social interaction group. **It is not an official source of information unless something has been specifically posted as a notice by an authorized LTPOA Board member.** The Yahoo Group is meant to be a place where family, friends, business associates, or anyone who wishes to share information, images, stories, or more on the web only with other residents of Lake Templene is able to do that. The Lake Templene Yahoo Group has been active for about ten years and remains a social "chat" mechanism for its members to reach each other. It has served as a great tool for discussing concerns, exchanging personal activity information, and selling items between residents. The Lake Templene Yahoo Group will continue to be supported as the resident interaction tool it was meant to be.

By *Dolly Padgurskis*

## Board Message: Recreational Water Use - Water Ski Slalom Course

All the owners around Lake Templene and visitors share an equal right to a reasonable use of the entire surface area of the lake. This is mandated by the Michigan Constitution (Article IV, Sec.52). The inlet at the NW area of the lake contains a ski slalom course marked out with a number of buoys. Paul and Timothy Patrick obtained a permit to construct the slalom course over 25 years ago when water skiing was in its height of popularity. They have painstakingly re-installed and removed the buoys every season since the first permit. Everyone is welcome to use the slalom course for skiing as intended. There are no restrictions to boating near the slalom course or using the course, but it is important that everyone be respectful and take care not to damage the buoys.

It is important to respect nature on the lake and avoid harassing or endangering wildlife with careless boating or PWC operation. You must always travel counter clockwise, keeping the land on your right at all times.



## Lake Templene Property Owners Association Board Assignments - June 2012

### LTPOA BOARD

Jack Rote, President	467-4499
Leslie Van Gelder, Vice President	467-6276
Bob Ulrich, Secretary	467-4661
Tom Roberts, Treasurer	467-8609
Bob Manning	630-204-8910
Dennis Nemeth	467-1869
Howard Overbeek	467-9425
Dolly Padgurskis	467-4728
Ray Reinertson	467-9582
LaMar Rodgers	467-4518
Bill Walters	467-4721

**Board Meetings are held the second Monday of the month, 6:00PM, The Grille Tavern. Everyone is encouraged to attend.**



Horses in the morning mist. Photo by Lorin Padgurskis

### COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

Lake Preservation - Jack Rote  
 Weed Control - Dennis Nemeth  
 Dredging - Bob Ulrich  
 Water Shed Management Upstream - Bill Walters  
 Water Shed Management In Lake - Ray Reinertson  
 Member Communications - Dolly Padgurskis  
 Fisheries - Bill Walters

#### Maintenance

Mowing, Plowing & Grounds - LaMar Rodgers  
 Streets & Signs - LaMar Rodgers

Building Review - Howard Overbeek  
 Lake Safety - Bill Walters  
 By-Laws & Covenants - Leslie Van Gelder  
 Social - Dolly Padgurskis  
 Property Owners Concerns - Leslie Van Gelder  
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 Local Government - Jack Rote  
 Web Site - Tom Roberts  
 Information Systems - Tom Roberts  
 Shore Captains - Leslie Van Gelder  
 Information Research - Bob Manning

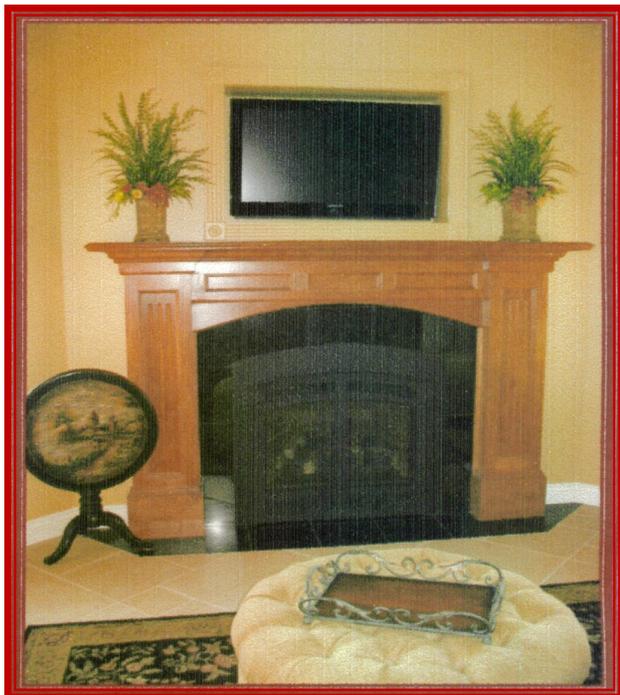
### SHORE CAPTAINS

Broken Tree/Swan Bay	Dennis Smith	659-2303
Canadian Shores	LaMar Rodgers	467-4518
Crystal Beach	Glen Miller	467-4814
Curves End	Alice Reinertson	467-9582
Hickory Hills	John Luxon	467-6857
	Vicki Johnsonbaugh	467-4471
	Mark Hoehner	467-7457
Hidden River Hills	Ed Burg	467-8005
Maple Wood Shores/Bittersweet Knob	Susan Leist	467-7142
Pheasant Point	Greg Dohm	467-7755
Ridgewood	John Hanson	467-7530
Seven Springs	Richard Wendt	467-7117
Timber Trace	Chris Amones	467-7050

All subdivisions have "Shore Captains" who have volunteered to assist with communication regarding problems and information needs. If a property owner has questions or concerns regarding a subdivision, the owner may discuss the matter with the subdivision "Shore Captain" or an appropriate board member.

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## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Everyone using the Center is required to have a towel when working out.

Also users must scan in and out with a valid ID card that is available with membership.

All users must have a current health release on file, and abide by the Fitness/Wellness Center dress code.

### **GROUP FITNESS CLASSES**

Zumba, Boot Camp and Yoga are three community group fitness classes offered at the Center. Classes generally run in 6 week sessions and are \$50 or \$60 a session (depending on the class). Classes are open to anyone and usually meet in the evenings and late afternoon.

**Contact the Center for dates and times.**

### **HOURS AND FEES**

Spring/summer hours for the Center are Monday thru Thursday from 7 am -7pm, and Friday from 7 am-3 pm.

(Closed daily from 12pm-1pm for lunch)  
Fees for using the Center are \$3 a day, \$25 for a month, or \$175 for the year.

**Hours of operation and fees are subject to change.**

For more information contact Lea Green, Fitness/Wellness Center Director.

Phone: 269-294-4274 email: lgreen@glenoaks.edu

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