

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June 14, 2026

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

You say **SHORT**, I'll say **SWEET**! That's this issue, short and sweet! It's summer, it's beautiful and nobody has time to read a novel when they could be outside having fun on the lakes! Including ME!!! So here it goes:

But first . . . a reminder that I am stepping down as your President. A very hard decision for me to make. A new President will be chosen at the September Board Meeting. You must be a Lake Representative to be an Officer. If you would like to be the next President, be sure to attend the Annual Dinner (details below). Okay, that's all for now!

Kindly,
Wendi Davidson
WCLA President



Past Events:

Pancake Breakfast: HUGE SUCCESS!! Close to **90** people attended! **\$419** dollars collected from attendance; **\$705** dollars raised for the social fund with a fantastic **Silent Auction** thanks to the hard work from **Kim Covell** and **Bonnie Liden**! 50/50 Raffle: **\$158** dollars back to the social fund! Congratulations to the raffle winners, **Tom and Teresa Waterloo**. **Most of all, a big, big thank you to all the lake members that helped make this such a success by attending or volunteering!**

YOU ALL ROCK!

Volunteers: (I am sorry if I forgot anyone!)

Ed and Bobby Armbruster
Kevin and Carol Bird
Kris and Jeff Ferguson
Don and Lois Hoogerhyde
Tom and Kim Meyer
Faith and Kim Peterson
Candy and Dave Ritsema
Art and Jamie Skinner
Irene and Jim Stobinski
Pam and Jim Swigart
Bruce Veldman
Charlie Vickery

Thank you **Mike and Katherine Wolthuis** for hosting a beautiful **"Kicking off Summer"** party with Sax player Michael Hulett. You are extremely generous to our lake community and we thank you very, very much!!

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Congratulation to **Jadelyn Vickery** for completing her **Boater's Safety course** and receiving a \$15.00 Amazon gift card from the WCLA Board. **WAY TO GO JADELYN!!**

Share Your Plants Plant Sale: Numbers aren't in yet but I'm sure it was awesome! Details to follow in the next President's Corner.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: HERE COMES MORE SUMMER FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!

Saturday, July 4th: Morning Boat Parade with prizes for the winner on each side of the bridge! Followed by a **Boat Flotilla and the band Sounds Familiar** playing on the south shore of Woodbeck from 2-5pm!! Details to follow.

Saturday, July 18th: WCLA Poker Kayaking event with the band Flashback to follow on Banks Lake. Details to follow.

Thursday, August 20th: WCLA Annual Dinner. A recap of our wonderful year, voting in new Lake Reps and a fabulous dinner to follow.

If anyone is doing a **Fireworks display**, please contact Faith Peterson at wclacommunications@gmail.com. We would be happy to share that information with our lake friends!

Ladies . . . do you want to host a Ladies Wine and Charcuterie Night at your house? Contact Candie at 616.835.2488 or candieritsema@yahoo.com or Wendi at davidsonwendi@gmail.com or text 616.799.0412.

Safety, Updates and Other Stuff:

NOTICE POSTED: The **2026 PLM Weed Treatment Schedule** has been posted on the [WCLA website](#) for your convenience.

Scandals, Vandals and Bad Behavior: Camp Greenwood was recently vandalized (again). Some unknown individuals broke all the windows along with other damage to one of their property sites. Others have also reported missing items from garages or property damage. Another homeowner reported damage to their swim raft ladder; thank goodness no one was on the raft! **THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!** I am encouraging all of you to report suspicious behavior and invest in security cameras if necessary. Do not endanger yourself if you see a potential crime in progress, but notify the police or sheriff's office immediately. Camp Greenwood allows responsible adults to walk their trails but if you see something happening on their property, notify Jake Dayringer at: 989.330.1204. We live in a wonderful community, and destructive, belligerent, juvenile, rude and disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. How sad I even have to put this in the President's Corner . . .

Don't forget to use your navigation lights after dark . . . we can't see you!! Beep, Beep 🙄

NO JET SKI'S ON THE LAKES AFTER DARK!!

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Don't Forget to Pay Your 2026 Dues!! You want fish, fish and more fish? You want to have fun? You want your lakes, boat launches, dams and common areas kept safe and clean? You want to live on the best lakes in West Michigan!?!? **This all costs \$\$\$\$\$!** Please do your part and pay your membership dues of **ONLY \$50 dollars!!**

NOT SURE IF YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2026?????

***** The 2026 Paid membership list is attached to every President's Corner and the Waterline editions as a helpful reminder.** 😊 Please feel free to contact Jamie Skinner at woodbeckcla@gmail.com if you have questions about your dues.

YOU MUST BE A PAID MEMBER TO USE THE BOAT LAUNCH AT CAMP CONCORDIA

WCLA Photo Directory: How fun it is to know who lives on the lakes! Don't forget to send Phil a picture of yourselves and a picture of your house from the lakeside view. Phil Sliva has developed a photo directory that is now on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/wcla-directory> for your convenience. Participation is optional but we hope to see all of you in the directory! If you would like to participate, please email Phil the photos you want him to use at: philsliva@chartermi.net

Fish Plant Donations: Fish plant donations can be made when members renew their Association dues or separately on the WCLA website <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com> under the Pay/Donate tab on the top right. **More donations=More fish!**

Fish Plant Committee Progress Toward \$6,000 Donation Goal:

Almost to \$4000!!!

Welcome New Families! If you know of new families on our lakes, please let our Welcome Team, Phil and Denise Sliva know so they can welcome them properly! Contact Phil Sliva at philsliva@chartermi.net or 616.970.2273.

Boater's Safety Class: Now is a great time for kids and young adults to take this class! This is an ongoing opportunity to **receive an Amazon gift card for \$15.00 for anyone age 12-20 who completes the Boater's Safety Course anytime, all year long!!!** You can be a kid or young adult that lives on the lakes, or grandkid to someone who is a paid member of the lake association and take this course online at your convenience anytime throughout the year!! Just email a copy of your completion card to davidsonwendi@gmail.com and you will receive your gift card. It's so easy and important so take advantage of it and help keep our lakes safe! **Click on this link to begin your Boater's Safety Course online:** <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/> .
Keeping our lakes safe one boater at a time!

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The Meal Train is always available to help you in the event of illness, injury, or death of a loved one that lives with you. Your friends and neighbors are here to help! **Please contact Mara Iteen at Iteenmm@yahoo.com or text 616 255-6081.** Even if you only need a few days of meals, the Meal Train is here for you!

If you want to be a member of the Meal Train to provide meals, please let Mara know. This is how you get on the list to help when families are in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A big THANK YOU to all our sponsors who pay to advertise in the Waterline. Please check them out!! They can help you with many of your needs!

The Waterline: Our WCLA Newsletter is published three times a year and filled with valuable information. If you have ideas for articles you would like to see in the Waterline, please let Wendi know at davidsonwendi@gmail.com. Even better . . . if you would like to author an article for the Waterline, that would be greatly appreciated!!! **Next Waterline will be September 2026. Articles need to be sent to Jamie Skinner by August 31st at woodbeckcla@gmail.com**

What is that WEED??? See something unusual or new in the water? Take a picture and send it to Chris Decker at 616.302-0819. **It could be a weed that we don't need!!!**

Email platform with text messaging: If you have concerns about email communication or you are not receiving them, please contact Faith Peterson at: wclacommunications@gmail.com and she will get any issues resolved for you!

DID YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE???? If it did, please let Jamie Skinner know at: woodbeckcla@gmail.com so you do not miss valuable information and notifications.

DID YOUR LIGHTBULB GO ON?? Do you have some **BRIGHT IDEAS** for social events or anything else that would benefit our lake community? Share, share, share with us!! New ideas are always welcome.

DID YOU KNOW.....??

There is a site where you can learn about:

Erosion and maintaining healthy shorelines.

Get the basics about shoreline erosion control options instead of a seawall.

Review lists of recommended native options for your lakeshore.

We want to keep our lakes as beautiful as possible while maintaining areas for wildlife to live in and prevent erosion from becoming a major problem. If you are interested in learning about ways to do this, please visit <https://www.shorelinepartnership.org/>

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HMMMM...what is going on? Perhaps you have lake concerns, or you simply want to listen to what the Board is discussing. You are encouraged and more than welcome to contact me, your Lake Representatives, or come to the Board meetings. We are always happy to see new (and old) faces at the Board meetings!

Useful Resources:

WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>

WCLA email: woodbeckcla@gmail.com

Aarron Antcliff-Social Media: [Facebook: Woodbeck Chain of Lakes](#)

Jamie Skinner-Treasurer, Membership Dues and Database, Waterline Publisher, Advertisements: woodbeckcla@gmail.com

Kris Ferguson-Secretary: scrambledeggs85@gmail.com

Faith Peterson-Communications Administrator: wclacommunications@gmail.com

Candie Ritsema-Social Director: candieritsema@yahoo.com or 616.835.2488

Chris Decker-VP, Water Sustainability: c_dec@hotmail.com

Mara Iteen-Meal Train Coordinator: iteenmm@yahoo.com or 616.255.6081

Phil and Denise Sliva-Welcome Team, Photo Directory: philsliva@chartermi.net

Wendi Davidson-President: davidsonwendi@gmail.com or 616.799.0412

Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators are available on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>

REMEMBER OUR MISSION:

The Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association will promote the preservation of lake/water quality, provide education about boat safety & etiquette, and initiate social activities to promote community friendships and interaction. It will encourage membership and participation in the Association and will facilitate a sense of community amongst riparian property owners.

Quote for the Month

In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.

Author John Muir