

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

April 9, 2023

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Let the Spring Cleaning begin!! Mother Nature has eased her firm grip, kicked up her feet and finally removed us from time out! This is truly a breath of fresh air! The weather is warm, the windows are open and the boat seats are ready to feel the love of our fannies! This is why we live on the lakes! The warm weather brings lake fun but also some work for us. It's time to roll up those sleeves and tackle that yard work. It isn't necessarily fun but it is gratifying and beats being inside. Be sure to blow those leaves into your neighbor's yard (I didn't say that 😊) and not the lake, anywhere but the lake!! For those of you who bought plants at the WCLA Share Your Plants sale last year, I hope you see what I am seeing! I have several new plants just beginning to pop out of the ground. I can't wait to see how beautiful they are once they grow and blossom. Enjoy this glorious spring and start waving to your friends and neighbors from the comfort of your boats...just no birdie waves please!



That's all for now!

Respectfully,
Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

Here are your updates on Past Events, Upcoming Events, Other Stuff and The Healthy Recipe!

Past Events

March Social Dinner: Let's just say...another one in the books!

February Board Meeting was held on April 3rd. The dam is flowing well. There have been no signs of anymore beavers and the lake quality is good per PLM. The snow fences are down and seemed to help keep trespassers off the lakes; as did the lack of ice this year. See Upcoming events and other stuff for more of the Board meeting agenda topics. Also, please refer to the minutes on the website for more Board topic details.

Board Meeting Minutes are uploaded to the WCLA Website for your late-night reading pleasure!

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

Upcoming Events: MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!

April Social Dinner: Join us at Flo's in Greenville on Wednesday, April 19th at 6pm. Let's drink wine, eat pasta and share our stories of yard cleanup! Spring is here and we need to socialize with friends and neighbors!! **PLEASE RSVP** Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616)213-8247.

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Camp Greenwood MAY Fishing Competition!! May 6th from 9am to 3pm. See the flyer sent out on March 7th to your email, or contact Camp Greenwood at office@campgreenwood.org. Another email will be coming soon. This is your chance for bragging rights if you catch the **BIG ONE because...Bigger is Better!!!**

Next Board Meeting: Monday, May 8th at 6:30 pm at Norm and Wendi Davidson's house: 13337 Oakcrest

We are hoping to have a summer **kayaking event** and are working on details. More to follow soon!

Rumor has it **ELVIS** will be in the house on **Saturday, July 1st**. This is not a WCLA event.

What do you think of a Sunday, July 2nd WCLA Boat Parade???? If you like the idea of an afternoon parade, please email Wendi at davidsonwendi@gmail.com. We haven't had the best participation in the past but perhaps doing it in the afternoon and on the weekend might help. **This is a lot of fun for the kiddos, fido and YOU! Send me your thoughts or ideas so we can make this event successful!**

The **WCLA Golf Outing** will be **Saturday, August 5th** at Candlestone Golf Course. Watch your email for a flyer with all the details.

Other Stuff:

The Kindy boat launch code is now available if you have paid your membership dues. You can contact any Board member or lake Representative for the code. As always, **please do not give the code out**, close the gate, re-lock the lock and clear the dial when done. This code is a privilege for paid lake association members only. **The Camp Concordia boat launch schedule begins in May.**

If you would like to advertise your business in the Waterline, or you know someone that does, contact Bruce Veldman at bruceveldman@gmail.com. An awesome way to get your business out there to the lake association and beyond! It will be in **FOUR ISSUES and on the website!! **DON'T WAIT! YOU MUST LET BRUCE KNOW BY APRIL 30TH. It's a lot of BANG for Your Buck, just \$35.00!!!****

Next Waterline coming out May 2023: The Waterline comes out three times a year and is full of great information. **Cathy Schrauben** has been writing articles for the Waterline for the last several years and she does an AWESOME job! We appreciate her hard work more than she knows. She dedicates her valuable time and energy to write interesting and informational articles just for US!! If you see Cathy, be sure to thank her! AND...If you have ideas for articles or would like to write an article for the Waterline, please contact Wendi at davidsonwendi@gmail.com. We always appreciate your help and input!

Get your WCLA swag on!! Watch for information about how you can purchase **WCLA apparel and products** in the May Waterline.

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.

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Boater's Safety Class: Spring 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 to 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 Safety Course online: <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/>

The Meal Train is always available to help you in the event of illness or injury. 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!

Also.... if you want to be a part 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!

SHARING IS CARING! If you have anything you would like to share such as ideas for social events, healthy recipes, lake concerns, or you simply want to listen to what the board is up to in person; 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 some new (and old) faces at the Board meetings!

Thank you to all who are willing to volunteer their time, ideas and input into everything we do for the community. This is what makes our lakes the **BEST PLACE TO LIVE!** **Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators for the 2023 year can be found on the WCLA website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.**

2023 Membership Dues: Don't forget to pay your dues for the FY2023 year please. It's only \$40.00!!! A small price to pay to keep our lakes safe, our fish plentiful and support the fun events we want everyone to enjoy! You may pay online at <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues> or pay by mail.

Please remember to RSVP for events, this really helps us make sure we have enough seating or food/supplies for everyone.

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Now for Your Healthy Recipe-ENJOY!

Corn and Tomato Avocado Salad

4 servings · Vegan · Gluten free

Ingredients:

- 1 cup corn kernels, from 1 large steamed corn on the cobb
- 5 ounces diced avocado, from 1 medium
- 1 1/2 cup diced Persian cucumbers, about 3 small
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons diced red onion
- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, from 1 medium lemon
- 1/4 teaspoon [kosher salt](#)
- fresh black pepper, to taste

Instructions

- Steam corn in steamer or microwave (or you can grill or boil) until tender, about 5 minutes.
- Let it cool then transfer to a large bowl.
- Toss all the remaining ingredients together and serve immediately.