

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

July 10, 2023

Hello Friends and **Neighbors**,

I LOVE 4 LETTER WORDS!! Did you know happiness is a 4-letter word?? Yep, it's spelled **J-U-L-Y!!** If you haven't felt happy about what Mother Nature is giving us right now then you're just not right!! July has started off with a **BOOM** (another 4-letter word 😊). Literally... starting with an Awesome Gyrating **Elvis** Show which included amazing music, jello shots blasting off from boat after boat, and a 40 boat (I'm guessing) flotilla!! That's what I call a friendathon! Followed by fabulous **Fireworks** displays on all the lakes, and a small but mighty, don't let a little rain scare you away **Boat Parade!** **ALL in the First Week of July!! But wait!!!...there's more!!** **Keep reading below so you don't miss the rest of the fun planned for July and August!**



But first...

We want everyone to enjoy every moment of summer because we all know; it won't last long! So please be sure you and your guests are courteous and respectful while on the lakes. **SAFETY** is not a 4 letter word, but if you are not using caution, watching out for other boaters, jet skis, kayaks, tubers and swimmers... **AND DRIVING COUNTER CLOCKWISE AROUND THE LAKE...**the 4 letter words you will likely hear won't be the ones I used above...if you know what I mean #S#!#!!! I've had some calls in regards to bad behavior... but the call I don't want to make is to the Sheriff! So, let's keep each other **SAFE** (that's a good 4 letter word) and be smart on the water. If you or your guests need a reminder of boating safety rules, please read the May Waterline article that outlines all the laws and responsibilities we are held accountable to. It can be found on our website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

Now...back to the fun stuff and that's all for now!!

Kindly,
Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

Let Freedom Ring!!!

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Past Events:

June Social Dinner at Hop Hog was a great gathering of friends and neighbors who Hopped in and Hogged Out! Great food and a great time!!

ELVIS made his moves on Woodbeck Lake! So much crazy fun and laughs! Thank you to Bev Jones for allowing all of us to float around and enjoy a great show! Every year this is one we don't want to miss!

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The fireworks were spectacular! Thank you to all of you who contributed to make this year's fireworks displays on all the lakes a great event! These fireworks are graciously provided to us by generous individuals and not the WCLA association. I know everyone was appreciative of the effort you all put in to giving a grand display!! High Five, fist bump and kudos to all of you!! Fantastic Job!!

WCLA Boat Parade was a total of 11 boats between all five lakes. Thank you to all who decorated their boats and joined in the fun; in spite of the drizzle that tried to scare us off! Also, to all of you who came out on your beachfronts and decks to cheer us! This one was for the kiddos to enjoy and you all helped make it happen!

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

WCLA Progressive Kayaking Event: Saturday, July 15th starting at 1pm. This event filled up fast!!! If you are making a last-minute attempt at participating...contact me at: Wendi Davidson 616799-0412. I will let you know if we are able to add you. **WE WILL HAVE AT LEAST 60 KAYAKS ON THE LAKES BETWEEN 1PM AND 5PM ON SATURDAY, JULY 15TH. PLEASE USE EXTREME CAUTION IF YOU ARE OUT IN YOUR BOATS AT THIS TIME AS WE DO NOT WANT ANY INJURIES TO OUR KAYAKERS!!**

WCLA Golf Outing: Saturday, August 5th registration starting at 8am and shotgun start at 9 am. at beautiful Candlestone Golf Course. Warm up those golf muscles, practice your waggle and get ready to drink plenty of swing lube if your team plans on winning! **You should have received an email with all the details.**

Other Stuff:

A big THANK YOU to all our sponsors who paid to advertise in the Waterline. Please check them out!! They can help you with many of your needs! Refer back to them in the May Waterline which can be found on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

The Kindy boat launch code is 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 is available to paid members. Everything you need to know is on this page: <https://www.campconcordia.org/wcla-information.html>. Calendar of use can change due to groups who may schedule to come to use the camp.

WE LOVE YOUR IDEAS!! 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!! We are working with the Monroe's (on Banks Lake) in the development of a WCLA website where you can purchase WCLA apparel and merchandise. Watch for more information in the President's Corner as we get the details worked out!

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.

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Boater's Safety Class: Summer 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 Boater's 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!

DID YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE???? If it did, please let Kris Ferguson know at scrambledeggs85@gmail.com so you don't miss out on important information and notifications. Also, if you are not receiving our email communications, please check your spam folder and accept emails from our new Gmail account WCLAcommunications@gmail.com. Questions can be sent to this new email account or text Angie at 616 213-9252.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We have several events that we need volunteers to help us with so they can run smoothly and successfully. Please contact Wendi Davidson at davidsonwendi@gmail.com or (616) 799-0412 or Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616)213-8247.

Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators for the 2023 year can be found on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

Board Meeting Minutes, past President's Corner and Waterline editions are uploaded to the WCLA Website for your late-night reading pleasure! <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

2023 Membership Dues: WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!! 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.

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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.

<https://www.shorelinepartnership.org/>

We want to keep our lakes as beautiful as possible while maintaining areas for wildlife to live 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/>

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.

Calendar of Events (some are tentative as we work on details)

JUNE

Saturday 3rd Pancake Breakfast 8-11am Camp Greenwood
Thursday 22nd Social Dinner: Hop Hog 6 pm

JULY

Saturday 1st Elvis Party 2pm Woodbeck Lake- **Not a WCLA event**
Sunday 2nd Boat Parade 1pm Horseshoe, 2pm Banks
Monday 10th **Board Meeting** 6:30 pm Wendi Davidson's house
Saturday 15th Progressive Kayak Event

AUGUST

Saturday 5th WCLA Golf Outing 9 am at Candlestone Golf Course
Thursday 24th Social dinner at Kicks 6pm

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 9th Annual Meeting/Dinner 4:30 Norm and Wendi Davidson's House
Monday 11th **Board Meeting** 6:30 pm Location TBD
Saturday 23rd Share Your Plants Sale 8am-3pm (Camp Greenwood?)

OCTOBER

Social Dinner??

NOVEMBER

Saturday 4th Cornhole/Chili Cookoff 1 pm Davidson's House
Monday 13th **Board Meeting** 6:30 pm Location TBD

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd Christmas Party Norm and Wendi Davidson's House
Sunday 10th Cookie Exchange 1-4pm Deb Eaton's House

Healthy recipe...no recipe...just a reminder:

Michigan summers bring on lots of fresh veggies and fruits. Eat fresh and healthy with a good dose of protein added in. Think green, leafy and colorful when planning your meal! Replace those desserts with fresh fruit instead!