

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June 12, 2023

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

It's June and what the YUCK is happening???!!! What is this Yucking stuff all over our lakes!?!?? Yes, I saw it, you saw it and it was BAD! There are a lot of theories floating around out there (no pun intended) about the cause of this nasty mess so we went to the experts to give us some answers.

The biologists at PLM (the company that manages weed control and lake quality management for our lakes) came out to assess the situation at the beginning of June. Apparently, this situation was not isolated to just our lakes, in fact most lakes in lower Michigan experienced the same thing this year. The reason is multifactorial; lack of winter ice to block the oxygen and kill last year's weeds off, no rain (or wind) for an extended period of time, and limited boat traffic in May. What we are seeing is a combination of pollen, cottonwood fluff, algae, and weeds leaving a Yucking mess floating on the surface of our lakes!

Unfortunately, PLM was not allowed to spray at that time (per the DNR) because the spray applied goes over the bluegill beds and can kill the eggs. The good news is... it is now safe for PLM to come out this week and treat the lakes and...it finally rained!!

Our lakes are overall safe and clean thanks to the close monitoring and treatment by PLM and the diligence of our homeowners. PLM uses only treatment products that have been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and additionally approved by the State of Michigan. State and Federal laws require that all herbicides only be applied by a licensed certified applicator and all EPA label instructions must be followed. PLM abides by all rules and regulations. PLM is always happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the treatment/herbicides they use. I hope this information was helpful and reassuring regarding the cleanliness and safety of our beautiful chain of lakes!

That's all for now!

Respectfully,

Wendi Davidson
WCLA President



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Past Events:

The **WCLA Pancake Breakfast** was well attended by around 70+ friends and families. The food was delicious!! A big thank you to the volunteers, Nan Holmes for organizing the event, Camp Greenwood for sharing their facility with us, and especially Caroline the Cook!! Tim Hunter won the 50/50 raffle (he's buying at the next social dinner)!! 😊 😊

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

June Social Dinner: Hop Hog Thursday, June 22nd at 6pm. The happiest people in world are those who socialize with friends and neighbors!! **SO BE HAPPY, HOP IN, HOG OUT AND JOIN THE FUN! PLEASE RSVP** Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616)213-8247.

ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING AND IS NOW GOING TO BE ON WOODBECK LAKE on Saturday, July 1st at 2pm! Float on over and enjoy the fun and entertainment! This is not a WCLA event.

WCLA Boat Parade: Sunday, July 2nd starting at 1pm on Horseshoe Lake and 2 pm on Banks Lake. Put your creative hats on and decorate your boats!! **This one is for the kiddos to enjoy so please participate!!**

Fireworks dates: Horseshoe: July 3rd, Woodbeck: July 2nd, Thomas: July 3rd and Banks: July 1st. I do not have a date for Half Mile. I know several people have contributed to make this year's fireworks a great event for all the lakes!

Board Meeting: Monday, July 10th at 6:30 pm at Norm and Wendi Davidson's house: 13337 Oakcrest

WCLA Progressive Kayaking Event: Saturday, July 15th starting at 1pm. This is a super fun event that you won't want to miss! Starts on Horseshoe Lake with stops on Woodbeck, Banks and ends on Thomas Lake. Appetizers and beverages at each stop with dinner, swimming, firepit, music and fun at the last stop! \$10.00 per person. Bring your friends and family but must be 21 or over. **See attached flyer for details. YOU MUST RSVP and PAY IN ADVANCE.**

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! **See attached flyer with all the details.**

Other Stuff:

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.

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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! A huge **THANK YOU** to all who helped with articles and information for the May Waterline, it was packed full of great information!!

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.

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.

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.

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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: 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.

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

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SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- Saturday 28th Halloween Party 6 pm Brookside Golf Course

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 TENTATIVE
 Sunday 10th Cookie Exchange 1-4pm Deb Eaton's House

Healthy recipe! Enjoy!

Celery Chicken Salad Bites

- 3 cups rotisserie chicken; deboned and chopped
- ½ cup red grapes, finely chopped
- ½ cup celery sticks; finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp almonds, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp dried cherries, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp fresh dill, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp chives, finely chopped

Dressing

- ¼ cup Greek yogurt
- ¼ cup avocado oil mayonnaise (or favorite mayo)
- 1 ½ Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- ½ tsp sea salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper

Place chicken, grapes, celery, almonds, dried cherries, dill and chives in large bowl.

Prepare dressing: whisk dressing ingredients until smooth; pour over salad ingredients. Mix until combined.

Slice celery sticks into thirds; top with chicken salad. Serve chilled. Makes 6-8 servings.