

THE GROWLER

LITTLE BEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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The Bear Necessities

- **Dumpster Update:** We will have the larger dumpster onsite again this year for the Labor Day weekend. Please break down all boxes and use the larger dumpster first.
- Dumpsters will remain open until October 30th. After Labor Day there will only be one pick-up per week.
- **REMINDER:** Dumpsters are for household kitchen trash bags ONLY! If you have larger items, please see the website for other disposal locations.
- Winter garbage can be taken to the Charlton transfer station (Rock Road at M32).
HOURS: Wednesday: 12 pm – 5pm, Saturday: 8 am to 1 pm, Sunday: 12 pm – 5 pm.
- **Association Communication:** If you haven't already, please fill out the form on our website to update your information. Dues information, newsletters and board communications are sent via email.
(for those without access to email, other options will be available.)

Fall Meeting

The LBLA annual fall meeting will take place on **Saturday September 5, at 10:00 AM**. Join us at the LBL pavilion (Located on Bear Lk. Rd. directly across from Star Rd.) Coffee and donuts will be served.

Dues

2026/2027 dues should be paid by 9/1/2026 to avoid late fees.

Dues remain at \$200 for the upcoming year.

Payments can be made via cash or check (mail checks to: LBLA, P.O Box 335, Johannesburg MI, 49751), or online through QuickBooks.

To pay online, use the link that was sent with your invoice. There is a 1% processing fee. If you cannot find the payment link, contact:

mikespencerlbla@gmail.com

Invoices went out the week of 8/17/26 via email. If you have not received yours, please check your spam folder.

If we do not have your email, invoices will arrive in the mail.

Please make sure to provide your email when you return your payment.

Message from the President – Brian W. Parros

Welcome to fall 2026 Little Bear Lake. Well, it seems like I was just writing a note for the spring newsletter. Wow! Summer went by fast. We were up a lot this summer but still seems like there is never enough time to enjoy the season.

This summer was very wet with a lot of heavy downpours that caused havoc on the roads and raised the level of the lake. There were minimal issues this summer with dumpsters, general member complications, accidents or crimes. We certainly have a great community where everyone seems to get along and enjoy things safely.

People have been saying what a great job this current board has been doing, but I feel it is also the community coming together, enjoying and sharing what we have all built together.

As we proceed into fall, there is still work to be done. We are going to start on access repairs that will continue into next spring. To help move this forward, the board has discussed the possibility of having a few board members work with volunteer members to help with some of the work on the access lots.

In closing, fall is my favorite season. The colorful fall foliage, the cool crisp air, sitting around the campfire and enjoying the last few warm days before winter sets in.

Please be safe this fall and winter. Enjoy the outdoor activities and thanks again for another great summer.

Just A Reminder...

- The speed limit on **ALL** roads is 15 MPH. We have a lot of neighbors walking their dogs and children playing. Road repairs are costly. A lot of time and work is spent on maintaining the roads. Please make sure your friends and family are respectful of the limit and not tearing up the roads.
- All dogs must be on a leash at all times when not on your property. This policy is also available in LBLA BYLAWS, ARTICLE VII C.
- Boating Rules: When using the lake for boating, PWC and fishing, please follow all local and state laws. Cove entrances must be treated as a shoreline. No Wake starts at 100 feet out from posted no wake signs.
 - Open Boating hours: 11am to 7:30 pm
 - No Wake hours: 7:30 pm to 11 am next day
 - No Wake in ALL COVES at any time.
 - Boating direction on the lake is counter-clockwise.
- 2026 Fish Update: Update will be given at the fall association meeting.

In The News!

Little Bear Lake Access Update – More news to come as we move forward on repairs & updates.

****REMEMBER:** Please check your local DNR listings before having a campfire or burning any downed wood.