

# THE GROWLER

## LITTLE BEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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### The Bear Necessities

- **Dumpster Update:** Dumpster locks/boat keys will remain the same this year. Dumpsters will be open starting May 1st. Pick up will be every Tuesday until Memorial Day. After the holiday, pick up will be every Tuesday and Friday.
- **REMINDER:** Dumpsters are for household kitchen trash bags ONLY! If you have larger items, please see below or the website for locations that accept larger items.
- **Recycling information:**
  - Dover Township Transfer Station, 2932 Rock Road, off M32, Johannesburg
  - Albert Township, 3541 Co Road 491, Lewiston
  - Otsego Recycling South Drop-Off, 247 Old State Rd, Gaylord
- **Association Communication:** If you haven't already, please fill out the form on our website to update your information. Dues information, newsletter and board communications are sent via email.  
*(for those without access to email, other options will be available.)*

### Spring Meeting

The LBLA annual spring meeting will take place on **Saturday May 23, at 10:00 AM.** Join us at the LBL pavilion (Located on Bear Lk. Rd. directly across from Star Rd.).

### Dues

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

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

[mikespencerbla@gmail.com](mailto:mikespencerbla@gmail.com)

Thank you to those who have already made their dues payment!

**Please provide your email if you haven't already.** You can provide this information at the spring meeting or by emailing [mikespencer.lbla@gmail.com](mailto:mikespencer.lbla@gmail.com).

## Message from the President – Brian W. Parros

Welcome to spring 2026 Little Bear Lake members.

Well, another winter is in the books. Overall, we had a good winter season. With lots of snow for winter activities and lake ice thick enough for fishing and other winter fun. We had so much snow, that we almost ran out of room to put it. Our roads were well maintained thanks to CMK construction. In fact, our roads were plowed most of the time before Bear Lake Drive. We also dodged a bullet with the ice storm this year not losing power and very little tree damage probably because there wasn't much left to damage after last year's storm.

Looking ahead to our spring/summer season, we find the water level is back up a bit due to all the rain and flooding the area has been experiencing.

The board will be tackling some projects this summer; which include access sites, roads and our continuing improvements to the dumpster program. We are keeping the same key this year for trash and the boat launch as we work to determine the best solution to make our trash system more efficient and user friendly. This will be a topic for discussion at the spring meeting, and we will be asking members their opinion on what system works best. Hope to have a good turn out again this year.

In closing, let's all work together to have a safe, productive, and joyful 2026 season at Little Bear Lake.

### 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:
  - Open Boating hours: 11 am 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: there will be more fish added to the lake in the fall this year.

### In The News!

Little Bear Lake Access Update – All access sites will receive spring clean-up. The board will look into other improvements as needed.

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