

THE GROWLER

LITTLE BEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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The Bear Necessities

- **Dumpster Update:** Dumpster locks were re-keyed in the fall to lock them up for the winter season. Unfortunately, we realized later, we wanted to open the dumpsters prior to Memorial Day. Since we have already changed the locks, our solution is as follows: We will unlock one or both dumpsters every Sunday in May at 8 am and lock them up at 8 pm. Both dumpsters will be open as usual starting on Memorial Day weekend.
- New keys for dumpsters and boat launch will be issued at the May meeting. Please note: We will make some changes to this system prior to next year so this doesn't happen again.
- **If you miss the May meeting and your dues are paid, reach out to Mary Ellen Russell to pick up your key. You can make an appointment with Mary Ellen via email: marymazilla.lbla@gmail.com**
Fees: \$5 First time key
\$5 with exchange of last year's key
\$20 to replace lost key

Spring Meeting

The LBLA annual spring meeting will take place on **Saturday May 24, at 10:00 AM.** Join us at the LBL pavilion (Located on Bear Lk. Rd. directly across from Star Rd.).

Dues

2025 dues should have been paid by 9/1/2024 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

mikespencerlbla@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.

Message from the President

I know many of you have been up to see the devastation from the recent ice storm. As of the last weekend in April, the area is looking a little better. Owners, friends, family and contractors are working together and making amazing progress. We know this cleanup will take an extraordinary amount of time and effort from everyone.

As much as we wanted to put together an Association wide cleanup operation, it simply is not in the budget or logistically possible. That means everyone is responsible to dispose of their own debris.

With this winter's record snow fall, the ice storm and clean-up of the roads and accesses, the budget has taken a big hit. At the May meeting, we will have these numbers as well as let you know where the expenses stand to date.

The roads are scheduled to be graded and brined prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Meanwhile, everyone be safe while cleaning up and let's enjoy the coming summer as best we can.

Brian Parros

In The News!

- Little Bear Lake Access Storm Cleanup – by order of priority
 - Pavilion (enough so we can run May meeting and for everyone's safety)
 - Club, Apple, Lawn, Honey, Beach

****Due to the nature of this storm, please check your local DNR listings before you have any campfires or burn any downed wood.**

Just A Reminder...

- Dumpsters are for household trash bags only! Please see our website for other locations that accept larger items or for recycling information.
- The speed limit on ALL roads is 15 MPH. We have a lot of neighbors walking their dogs and children playing. Repairs are costly and a lot of time and work is spent on maintaining the roads. Please make sure your friends and family are respectful of the limit.
- 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: 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 is counter-clockwise.