

# THE CUB HUB

## LITTLE BEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### The Bear Necessities (Important Reminders)

- WE NEED YOUR EMAIL!! If you haven't already, please go to the LBLA website and update your contact information by clicking the link on the homepage. We have collected many email addresses but we do not have everyone. This will allow for more efficient communication and reduce paper waste.
- If you are walking your dog, please remember to keep them on a leash at all times. According to Michigan law (MCL 287.262) no dog owner is allowed to have their dog stray in public areas outside of the owner's property. This is for the safety of everyone as well as your pets and we appreciate your cooperation on this matter.
- As a friendly reminder, the speed limit on all LBLA roads is 15 MPH. There are children at play, neighbors walking their dogs, and repairs to the roads are costly.
- Boating Rules: When using the lake for boating, PWC and fishing, be familiar with and follow all local & state laws, including:
  - Open Boating hours: 11:00 am to 7:30 pm
  - No Wake hours: 7:30 pm to 11:00 am the next day
  - No Wake in ALL COVES at any time

## Fall Meeting

The LBLA annual fall meeting will take place on **Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **10:00 AM!** Join us at the LBL pavilion (Located on Bear Lk. Rd. directly across from Star Rd.). If you would like to obtain an agenda for this meeting, please visit our website ([www.lblamichigan.com](http://www.lblamichigan.com)) Financial reports can also be obtained on our website under the MORE tab.

## Dues

2024 dues need to be paid by 9/1/2023 and statements will be mailed out to all association members as a reminder. All payments can be made online through the Appfolio portal [https://lbla.appfolio.com/connect/users/sign\\_in](https://lbla.appfolio.com/connect/users/sign_in) ( This link can also be found on our website on the Home page) OR mailed to: LBLA P.O Box 335, Johannesburg MI, 49751.

- Dock removal must be complete by October 31st. Please plan accordingly for the safety of snowmobilers.
- The dumpsters will be removed the week after labor day.
- We have a new snow removal company for the 2023/2024 winter season! CMK Construction will be servicing all LBLA roads. They will be plowing and sanding for extreme ice conditions only.



## From the Presidents Den

Hello LBLA fellow members. It's hard to believe but summer is already slipping away, I sure hope you find time to enjoy our great little lake. We have a new snowplow agreement in place and are ready for that white stuff. If any of our older members need help, please contact the board, we will do what we can to keep you safe. I wanted to thank all those that have stepped up this year. It's great to see volunteerism around the lake, your efforts haven't gone unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank our board for all the hard work and dedication, what a great team! Stay safe – Scott Johnston.

## CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- ✓ Thanks to a generous donation by Greg Payter in memory and appreciation of Laura A. Payter, we have playground equipment next to the pavilion!
- ✓ The ability to pay online via appfolio as well as a new website.
- ✓ Hazardous trees were removed from around the boat launch.
- ✓ Held the first annual roadside trimming and clean up.
- ✓ Replaced, repaired, and installed new roadsigs.





## Meet the Board

Scott Johnston – President

Gary Sculli – Vice President

Andrew Lamkin – Director

Misti Husted – Treasurer

Mariell Lehman – Director

Nancy Artman – Director

Todd Husted – Director

Jennifer Finnegan – Secretary

**To learn more about your board, visit  
our website!**

**What do you call a bear  
without any teeth?**

A Gummy Bear!



## In The News: Invasive Species

Invasive species cause a myriad of adverse effects, everything from crowding out native plants that benefit our local wildlife to reducing property values to causing rashes. Luckily, there are a few simple things everyone can do to help keep invasive species from causing harm where they live and play.

1. Prevent the spread of invasive species by cleaning your gear. Footwear and watercraft are highly susceptible to unknowingly spreading invasive species.
2. Report and/or remove them. Note that only certain species can be removed effectively by hand. All of the species pictured on the right have been spotted around Little Bear Lake and can be successfully removed by hand pulling and proper disposal. Report species on the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network ([misin.msu.edu](https://misin.msu.edu)).
3. Familiarize yourself with the species of highest concern in your area. Contact your local invasive species coordinator or attend an educational event by going to [huronpines.org/huron-heartland-isn](https://huronpines.org/huron-heartland-isn).



Purple Loosestrife

Spotted

Knapweed

Common Mullein

This newsletter was brought to you by association secretary Jennifer Finnegan and association member Shelby Bauer. Please bear with us as we work together to continue to improve the newsletter. If there are things you would like to see in your upcoming newsletters, let us know by sending us an email ([jenniferfinneganlbla@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferfinneganlbla@gmail.com)). Please be kind, we wrote this with our bear hands.