

Hello ELPPA Members,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well during these historic times. Thank you for your understanding on ELPPA not being able to host an annual meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

OUR WEBSITE!! [www.eaglelakepawpaw.org](http://www.eaglelakepawpaw.org)

**Please join our NEW FACEBOOK GROUP:**

**ELPPA Eagle Lake Paw Paw Association, Michigan**

***(There are MANY Eagle Lake FB Groups, make sure it starts with ELPPA)***

The purpose of this platform is to build a community of ELPPA members to help preserve our amazing lake, provide updates when needed, and share pictures and fun on Eagle Lake. Please read the rules on the site and be respectful, kind, & positive on this group with postings/comments. The site is monitored and you will be removed if you post inappropriately.

**Annual Lake Association Dues**

Dues of \$25 are due July 30(\$30 for dues/Riparian Magazine subscription), You may pay with a credit card online at the website. Your membership supports our mailings, website & tech fees, and other ELPPA projects we fund to continue to keep our lake amazing and beautiful. (see other side for many details)

**We need your email addresses!** We are doing our best to update all homeowners, addresses, and emails. If you are not receiving our emails, or your address or owner names need updating, please do so on the website. [www.eaglelakepawpaw.org](http://www.eaglelakepawpaw.org) or email Kerry, Secretary [eaglelakemi@gmail.com](mailto:eaglelakemi@gmail.com)

Questions please email ELPPA Secretary Kerry: [eaglelakemi@gmail.com](mailto:eaglelakemi@gmail.com)

**WE WANT YOUR PICTURES-OLD & NEW-** to share on the website. Please email Kerry

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**INVOICE Due July 30th For Eagle Lake Paw Paw Association Dues**

Your Name:

Lake Property Address:

Preferred Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

**Amount due: \$25.00 or \$30 for membership & one year script to the Riparian Magazine** Please write check to ELPPA and mail this with payment to:

Tina Ernsberger 44445 Carla Dr Paw Paw, MI 49079

Or pay online at [eaglelakepawpaw.org](http://eaglelakepawpaw.org)

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# Join Your Eagle Lake Paw Paw Association Today!

## Benefits

You receive numerous association services. You help to support, through your annual dues, the important activities undertaken by the association to keep Eagle Lake, its shoreline, access points and surrounding environs as safe and as pristine as possible.

Membership is open to property owners on the lake, and persons who own or lease property with legal access to the lake, who are interested in protecting, preserving and continually improving Eagle Lake for present and future generations. Association members and volunteers work together to maintain a strong organization that focuses on:

**Water Quality.** To measure and help control pollution, and study ways to protect the environment and natural resources.

**Water Clarity.** To check the clarity of Eagle Lake with regular Secchi Disk readings.

**Invasive Species Prevention.** To operate programs that help to protect Eagle Lake from infestation by Eurasian water milfoil and other exotic invasive organisms.

**Information to Members.** To coordinate with individual area associations in order to keep residents informed about key issues affecting the Eagle Lake area.

**Legal Issues.** To monitor existing and proposed township, county and state laws that affect our lakes and the environment.

Join today at [www.eaglelakepawpaw.org](http://www.eaglelakepawpaw.org). Membership is \$25. For an additional \$5 (normally \$25) you will receive *The Riparian* which is published quarterly and devoted to the management and wise use of Michigan's lakes and streams!

We are looking for more interested parties to fill positions with our ELPPA Board and Committees. **We have 3 positions on the board to fill**, preferably with someone from these Association areas- Trails End, Eagle Lake Campers Association, At-Large Members. Committee openings are three people for the Lake Safety Committee.

Responsibilities are attending monthly board meetings & relaying information to your association members. Please get in touch with our secretary, Kerry, if you are interested.

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

## ARTICLE VI THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Effective July 6th 2019)

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the four duly elected officers plus members selected as follows: one from each of the areas listed below, to be selected by members of that area, and one selected by the Board to serve at-large to represent members outside those areas. If an area does not provide a Board member or if its Board member is excessively absent as determined by the Board that area will be represented by the at-large member until it is able to provide a regularly attending member. Areas may provide an alternate for attendance at Board meetings to insure proper representation. Areas are as follows: • Hoodrije Shores• Keepsake Shores• Palmer Beach• Eagle Lake Park• Trails End• Collins Cove• Eagle Lake Campers• Eagle Lake South Shore



Careful stewardship is required to make sure the Eagle Lake area remains beautiful.

**Join your lake association today!**

## **Water Quality 2020 Report. Brooke Fogt**

ELPPA (Eagle Lake Paw Paw Association) continues to use Kieser & Associates (Kieser) to monitor water quality on the lake. Kieser conducts spring and fall vegetation and water sampling surveys and reports back any significant changes and/or concerns.

“Based on the May and August 2019 sampling results, Eagle Lake continues to exhibit good water quality. Total phosphorus, chlorophyll a, and Secchi disk transparency suggest high water quality. When evaluated with historical WQI (Water Quality Index) data, no significant upward or downward trends in monitored parameters were noted since 2010”. Kieser did find a very small bed of the invasive Starry Stonewort in the Southwest corner of the lake and the board asked that Kieser present possible solutions to eliminate the invasive species. The board will continue to update you as it moves forward with a solution. While we have not received official data from the Spring 2020 survey, Kieser has raised a few issues that need mentioning.

Eurasian Water Milfoil Hybrid (EWM) densities and distribution were heavier than last year. Topped out EWM areas should be avoided by motor boats as much as possible to reduce its fragmentation and spread. EWM weevil stocking is planned for June/July to address this. The Kieser biologist stated that “I noticed the land in the southwest corner has been cleared out significantly, including portions of the near shore. The typical patch of dense water lilies in this corner was significantly reduced compared to previous surveys. This corner provides important fish and wildlife habitat and care should be taken to work with homeowners to minimize disturbances of the near shore and shallow water areas. De-naturalizing this area with herbicide application and changes to nearshore and shallow habitat could put this area at risk of becoming a hot-spot for invasive species which take advantage of disturbed areas. We will continue to check in on this area throughout the summer whenever we’re on the lake for weevils, prior to the late season survey.”

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently cleaned brush and debris from the outlet drain, next to the DNR-owned access site, on the south side of the lake. This project was long overdue (as described by the drain commissioner) and somewhat responsible for the high water levels in 2018 and 2019. We continue to communicate with the commission to understand the functionality of the lake level structure that is part of the outlet drain.

Eagle Lake is a member of the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association ([mymlsa.org](http://mymlsa.org)) which is dedicated to the preservation, protection and wise management of Michigan’s inland lakes. MLSA provides education via the annual conference and many, including Eagle Lake, participate in regional meetings to share and receive information relative to lake stewardship and conservation.

## **Safety Committee Report**

DON'T FORGET! A new boating law was put in effect in 2019.

- Do NOT launch or transport watercraft or trailers unless they are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.
- Do NOT transport a watercraft without removing all drain plugs and draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells.
- Do NOT release unused bait.

## Report from Tom Kohl, Vice President & Government Committee Chair

Regarding Fireworks for July 4th weekend:

Last year we reported there were restrictions on the use of fireworks essentially a few days before and a day after the holidays Memorial Day, 4 th of July, and Labor Day. Those restrictions apply to several townships but no longer apply to Paw Paw Township. Feel free to verify with VBC police dispatch at (269) 657-3101.

Regarding use of our DNR Boat launch:

1. Using the DNR Boat Launch area for recreational purposes requires a "Recreational Passport", formerly known as the Michigan State Parks sticker. The passport is not available at the Secretary of State office. It is available at any of the State Parks whereas the nearest to Eagle Lake are not close by. Closest is on Lake Michigan near South Haven. Otherwise order online at the DNR Store DNR - Recreation Passport. Use of the passport offers benefits to our lake to prevent fishermen from bringing invasive species to Eagle Lake.

2. Signage at the Boat Launch has not yet been updated to reflect the new name of enforcement agencies. Furthermore, the Recreation Passport signage was removed or vandalized, and we are requesting it be replaced.

Aquatic Nuisance Control Permits.

The ELPPA retains a permit for use of biological controls for the management of Eurasian Milfoil. There is a group of residents in the SW area of the lake that have combined efforts to control nuisance weeds, including Lilly pads, by use of Chemical treatment using an approved applicator. We ask that you coordinate any such efforts with the ELPPA so that we can ensure areas aren't being overly defoliated.

## ELPPA FINANCIAL REPORT 2019-2020

DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE	INCOME	BALANCE
07/01/2019 BALANCE FWD			3795.10
DUES COLLECTED		853.97	
MICHIGAN RIPARIAN	532.00		
VBCO SHERIFF DONATION	100.00		
STATE OF MI NONPROFIT FEE	20.00		
MLSA MEMBERSHIP	100.00		
INSURANCE	265.00		
WEBSITE	100.00		
6/15/2020 BALANCE			3532.07

In addition, there was a \$4192.50 ASAP Grant Deposit on 10/8/2019, which covers the \$4192.50 Grant Work paid to Kieser & Associates.