

The Columbian



Spring 2023

President's Corner

I feel we have a great beginning by utilizing membership committees as a foundation for moving forward with establishing a plan necessary to improve and maintain the value of membership properties and the future of the Lake Columbia Property Owners Association (LCPOA). The voices of the membership are so important to our success, and they need to be heard. Below are my thoughts going forward based on my year experience as President.

We must only look at the condition of our roads to see the impact of years without addressing a maintenance plan. LCPOA can support, but this a public issue between property owners, Jackson County Department of Transportation, and Columbia Township as LCPOA responsibility is a fiduciary and legal duty to pay property taxes on any owned property (office, parks, or dam) covered in an approved Special Assessment District plan. Member property owners must take the lead and actively pursue approval of a plan for their respective area and LCPOA will lend support as defined in Bylaws.

LCPOA was established as an engineered Property Owners Association private community with building and property covenants documented in the Deed Restrictions and further supported with By-laws. I will be suggesting the new Board consider three major areas: Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, Watershed and Water Quality Improvement, and Security. Going forward these areas are so important to property value and our way of life.

Strategic Planning and Infrastructure needed to be dramatically improved by implementing an adequate financing reserve plan,



Lake living enjoyment
in **EVERY** season!

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which began in 2023, to sustain constant maintenance, future development, and available emergency funding. This includes, but not limited to, Dam, parks, office, watercraft ramps, bathhouses, etc.

A Watershed and Water Quality Improvement plan is essential to providing continued recreational lake amenities. Our lake is surrounded by housing with very few vacant lots available. This intense pressure from the population brings many problems: compliance (i.e.. fertilizers, mowing, leaves), weed and algae management while ensuring recreational amenities, and excessive bottom buildup of biomass (silt) and organic nutrients from continued use of aquatic herbicides, Goose Creek, and twenty-six road drains surrounding the lake. These needs to improve and maintain the ongoing health of the lake cannot be managed by the existing natural lake resources. Our man-made lake, needs our attention now and forever to maintain property value and recreational amenities. We are not the only lake experiencing these problems, and as the lake continues to age, it requires more and more maintenance as we do with age.

Security has been the most difficult and emotional Bylaw to manage and enforce as we have little objective data to steer our decision-making process, and what we do have indicates about 50% compliance from our members. We are a private lake with access by many public roads, sixteen parks, eight bathhouses and watercraft ramps. With such access to the lake, LCPOA is dependent on the members to assist us in compliance with any security issue including parking, use of the parks, use of the boat ramps, and ultimately use of the lake. The current Security Committee is focusing the entire 2023 year on gathering additional information to improve our objective database to help in making better decisions governing security going forward.

I am asking every member to **PLEASE** comply and place decals on all your motorized watercraft and vehicles, so any watercraft or vehicle using our lake or parks can be readily identified as a non-member. Compliance will greatly assist Security in establishing the extent of non-members using our lake and amenities.

Since we support use of the park amenities for the members to use personally (family), guest parking permits have been added to our policies (may view on the website) and members must obtain passes from the LCPOA Office.

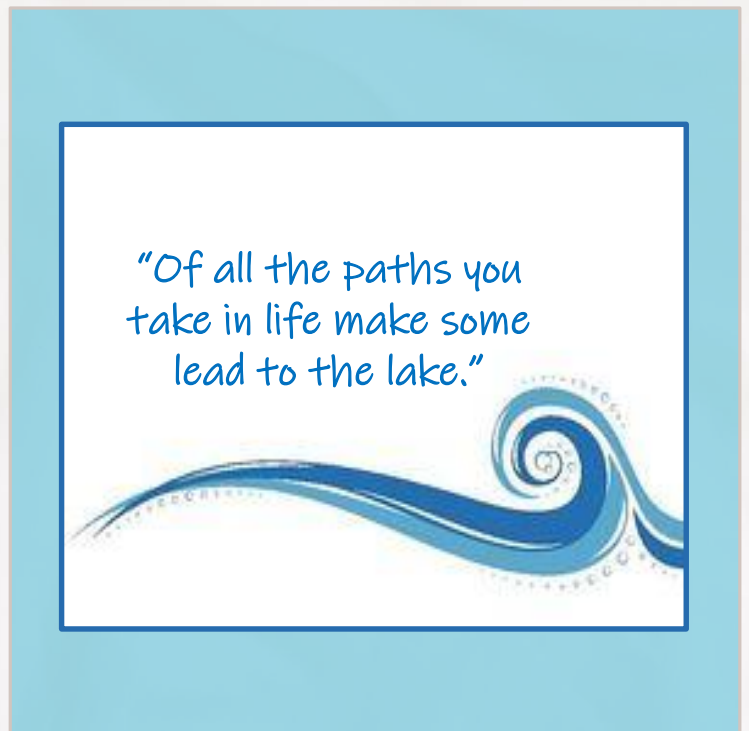
My sincere gratitude, appreciation, and thanks for your support, patience, and understanding over the past year: Board of Directors, Office Staff, Committee Members, Volunteers, and all members for their contributions to improving LCPOA.

Looking forward to a wonderful and productive year.

Sincerely,

Tom Crampton

LCPOA President 2023





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9 am – 5 pm
(Subject to change)



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Office Notes

Dues Reminder: The 2023 LCPOA Dues were mailed in January, billing \$425 for the first lot, and \$40 for **EACH** additional lot. Dues are payable via cash, check (made payable to LCPOA), or credit card. Dues are now past due and will incur a \$25 per month late fee until paid in full. Please call or stop by the office M-F, 9-5.





Board Officers



President – Tom Crampton
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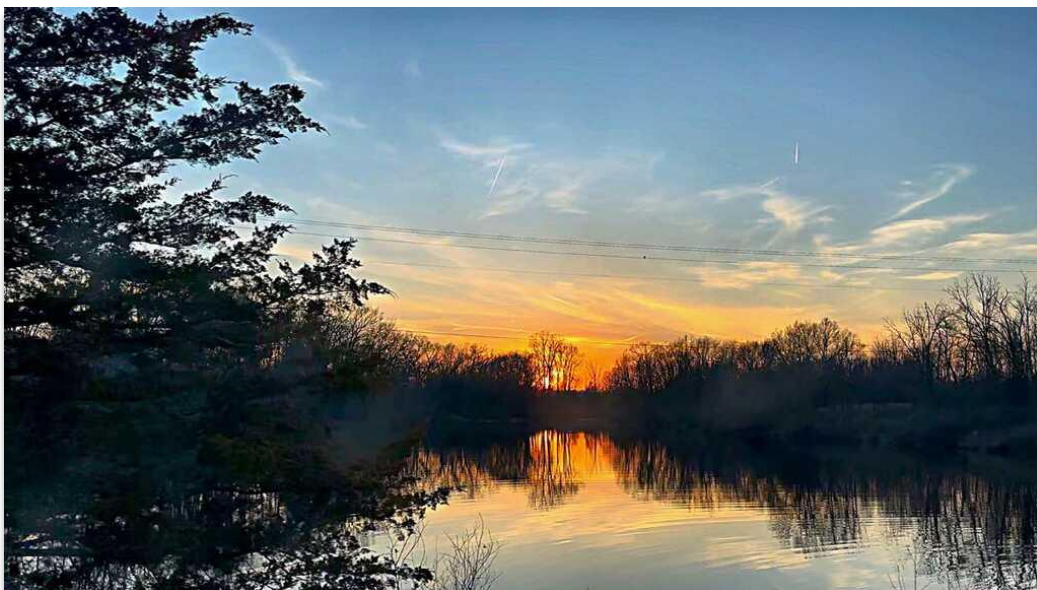
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Important Phone Numbers

Emergency – 911

Columbia Police
517-592-3122

Columbia Township
517-592-2000

DNR
517-284-6000

Jackson County Road Commission
517-788-4230

Jackson County Sheriff
517-768-7900

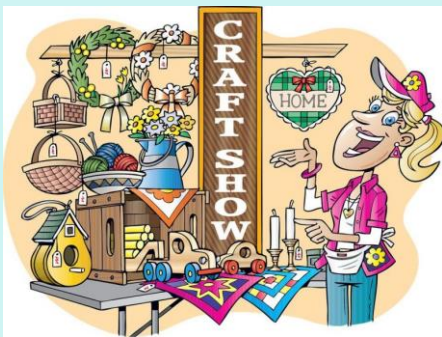
Sewer Emergency & Maintenance
517-768-2515





Activities Committee by Karen Kiss

The Lake Columbia Activities Committee has been busy getting events set up for this spring and summer.



The 2nd Annual Spring Lake Columbia Craft Show will be on Saturday, June 17th at Southern Shores Park from 10 am - 2 pm.

We are accepting registrations until **Friday, June 9th** if you are a crafter or vendor and would like to participate.

[LC Spring Craft Show Registration Form](#)

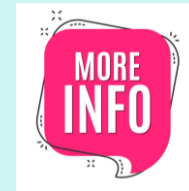


We will also be hosting a Summer Kick-Off party at the Clark Lake Golf Course on Saturday, **June 3rd from 6-9 p.m.**

This will be an opportunity to meet your neighbors, enjoy other members' company and win some amazing raffle prizes.

Activities Committee . . . Continued

The Committee hosted a planning meeting on Monday, May 1st at the Clark Lake Golf Course, and are still looking for anyone who is willing to help make this years' events amazing.



If you want to get the most up-to-date Lake Columbia Activities information, make sure to join their remind group by sending a text to **81010**, and the message: **@lakecolum** to receive all the latest activities! We also have a [Lake Columbia Activities](#) group that can be found on Facebook; please Like!



The LC Activities Committee is looking for donations of raffle prizes for the summer kick-off party scheduled for **Saturday, June 3rd** at the Golf Course. Money raised through these raffles help fund all Committee activities.

A few suggestions: Lawn games, family game basket, water toys, NEW lake & home decor, gift certificates to local businesses, a service you could provide, or any other items you believe your neighbors would love to win!

We truly appreciate any donations you (individuals or businesses) can make. We would need the items dropped off to the LCPOA office by **Friday, May 26th**. Please email Karen Kiss @ kisske@ccscards.org if you are willing to donate so they can plan accordingly.





Finance Committee by Cory Borgeson

The Finance Committee continues working on overseeing our investments at Edward-Jones. Pursuant to Board Policy, all investments must be FDIC insured, CD's or US Government bonds. There is currently in excess of \$900,000 invested with rates between 3% and 5.2%. All CD maturities are under 2 years.

The Finance committee will be looking at revising Office policies in cooperation with the Policies & Procedures Committee including a significant policy regarding accounting practices.

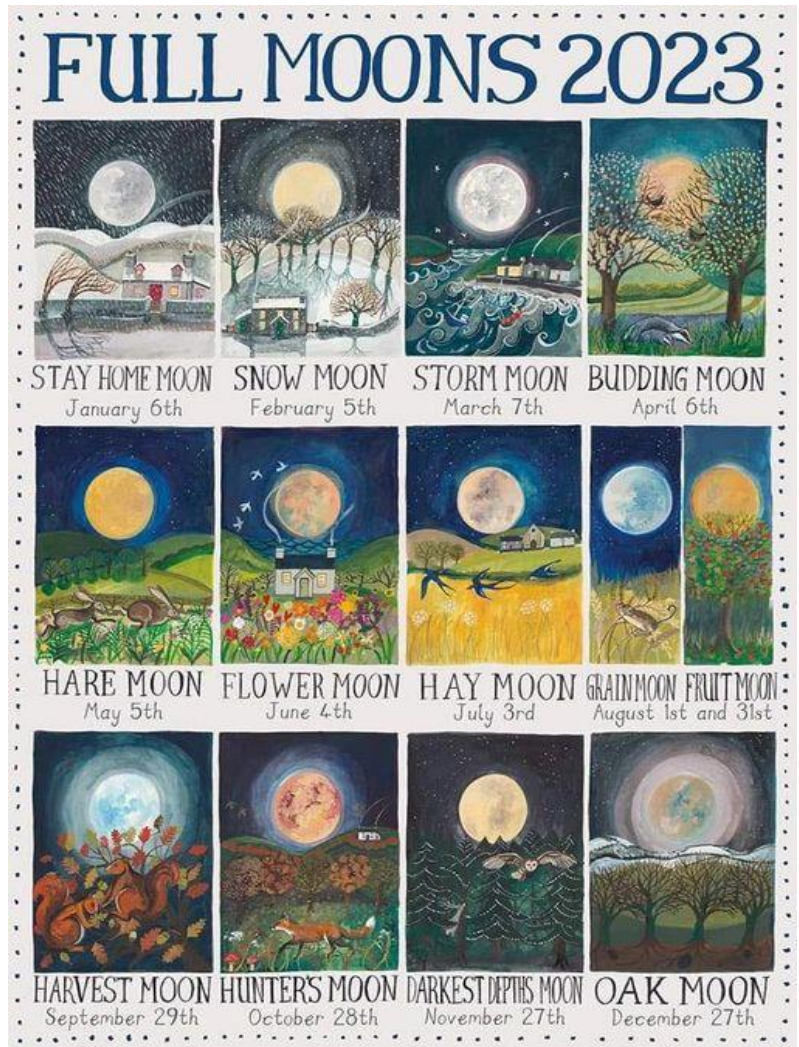
Finally, The Finance Committee is currently overseeing the annual audit of 2022 which commenced on May 1st and should be completed within 60 days.



Building Control Committee by Dennis Blain

Nothing to report currently.

Please contact this Board Member dennisblain22@gmail.com if Building details are needed.





Fishing Committee by Walt Strasser

2022 End of Summer Labor Day Fishing Derby

Last year's 26th Annual Labor Day Tournament went well, with 20 teams signed up.

This event raised \$1,000: \$500 went towards our Lake fish stocking program and \$500 was awarded to winners (no walleyes were brought in).

On October 24, 2022, we stocked 1,000 walleyes into the lake thanks to this event.

Fish stocking donations are accepted at the LCPOA Office.



2023 Events

Memorial Day Fishing Tournament

When: May 28th, Big Bedford Park

Time: 7 am Start – 12 Noon Weigh-In

Cost: \$50 per boat*

Categories: Largest fish below (1 of each)

- Smallmouth Bass
- Largemouth Bass
- Walleye
- **All fish must be alive**



***Must be a LCPOA Member to register**

Awards: \$25 for the largest junk fish, and kid's prizes will be awarded that day.

Pro bass fisherman Robby Lefere may take someone fishing with him that day. Details to follow.

Fishing Committee . . . Continued



Fish Stocking Program

Fall 2023 we will stock more walleyes into the lake. We are looking for fish to stock this spring.

Amount of money raised along with donations will determine the amounts of fish we can stock.

Three docks will have docking bumpers which will make it easier to tie off to, during trailering.

Don't forget to get your 2023 Fishing license.

Please remember to keep plenty of distance away from fishermen & fisherwomen while boating. The proper distance from boat to boat should be 200 feet and 100 feet from any dock, raft, pier or restricted area.



Parks Committee by Bob Blotkamp

The Parks Committee has been working with vendors to provide maintenance and replacement of the bathhouse doors to ensure nightly electronic locking for security.

New Geokey locks have been installed on the right side of the watercraft ramp cables and keyed padlocks on the left side of the watercraft ramp cables to improve the ease of lake access. Docks have been moved closer to the respective ramps at Somerset, Hawthorne, and Bedford East Parks and added modifications for member safety.

There will be repairs to the park fences which were damaged in the ice storm earlier this year. Security and identifying parking signs will be installed in the parks, as well as security signs for the dam. In addition, new locks will be installed at the parks to secure grinder pumps, electrical panels, and some picnic tables.



Policies & Procedures by Mike Parks

Multiple policies and procedures were sent to the Board for review and approval.

All Board approved policies and procedures have revision numbers and revision dates.

All approved policies and procedures can be found on the LCPOA website.

Our Committee will be doing a deep dive into other concerns as needed. Many policies and procedures that needed closure prior to the Spring season, have been completed. This will allow us to focus on expanding our efforts.

The Committee would also like to welcome Harry Breniser to the Committee. He is filling a vacancy that recently opened.





Security Committee by Harry Krummrey

Boat Ramp Padlocks

New technology brings new challenges. In 2022, we were given the GeoKey implementation in the eleventh hour, so we had very little time to prepare for it. For 2023 we are working to put together better instructions, recording, tracking problems and how to get help right when people are having problems.

Early on we had the normal new technology problems and later in the summer we had a corrosion problem and worked through them with help from a lot of people. GeoKey has a newly designed padlock that corrects corrosion problems, and they replaced the old padlocks with the new GeoKey Padlocks (at no cost to LCPOA).

New for this year there will be only the GeoKey Padlock on the right side of all boat ramps. This GeoKey system not only saves us money, but improves our ability to monitor who, when, and where someone is using our lake watercraft ramps, and provides the ability for more objective "Data Collection" to guide the Committee. We expect that there will be some members this year who do not have the ability to have the GeoKey app on their cell phone. Like last year, those members will be issued a key that will work on the mechanical padlock located on the left side of all boat ramps.

Those mechanical padlocks will also be shared with emergency responders and agencies requiring access to our lake (Police, Fire, Sheriff Marine, and DNR).

Park Security Signs

Over the past years we have added signs at some parks and now we have some parks with three signs that have all the rules listed. This has resulted in a mismatch of rules within our parks. Local police say that you must have correct signage and be consistent in every park, to be enforceable.

Security Committee . . . Continued

The new signs have all the same rules that the old signs had, (as a group) but are now the same in every park. The signs are on order and should be installed early Summer 2023.

Parking In Parks

New this year is the location on your vehicle of the Member Vehicle Parking Decal. It will be on the outside top rear passenger window, so it is easy to see when vehicles are pulled into parking spots. Members can also obtain "guest" parking passes at the LCPOA Office (for special events) which hang from the rear-view mirror.

Violation Decals

Another new item this year is the parking violation decal. This decal will be placed on vehicles that are parked in LCPOA parks without a member decal, and / or a guest parking rear-view mirror hanger. The LCPOA Office will be recording and tracking violations.



Security Survey

The Security Committee continues to seek input from LCPOA members, and in December 2022 had the LCPOA Office put out a 6-question survey. The data collected from this survey is one of many ways that will help us focus on the concerns of the members, research information, and make our recommendations to the Board for future action. The results of the survey can be viewed on the LCPOA Website.

Camera System

The Security Committee wants to keep vandalism low while maintaining cost-efficient security. Our data collection and research have concluded that repurposing the camera system the LCPOA Board bought in 2022, with some additional equipment would meet the criteria. We have made our recommendations to the Board and will continue to support the LCPOA members priorities, based on data collected and their input.



Strategic Plan and Infrastructure by Sam White

The Strategic Planning & Infrastructure Committee formed in the Fall of 2022. The Committee is made up of Sam White (Board Liaison), Andy Dale (Committee Chair), Larry Rygiel, and Keith Combs. It is focused on identifying and planning for larger cost and longer-term capital needs for Lake Columbia.

The initial focus is on the obvious priority of maintaining the earthen and concrete dam structures which create Lake Columbia. The recent failure of four dams in the Midland area, including the dams that formed Sanford and Wixom Lakes, were preventable if deficiencies identified decades earlier had been repaired. As a result of the dam owners not making these repairs, the lake residents now face a cost of \$215 million to rebuild the four dams, or \$55 million each. They will also be without their lakes for 5-6 years. The State of Michigan is covering a portion of their cost due to the flood control impact of the lakes, but Lake Columbia likely would not qualify for this State assistance.

Our Committee is working to plan for the major repairs that will be required over time and the eventual replacement should it be needed. The team has toured the dam site to see the condition and concerns firsthand;



Strategic Plan and Infrastructure ... Continued

reviewed and monitored well data that checks for water intrusion into the earthen dam; and is in the process of meeting with our engineering firm, SME, to define potential repair needs and costs, potential failure modes, the expected life of our dam, and cost if it were to fail. We will be making a recommendation to the Board on the expected cost and how to start accruing a fund for these costs.

In addition to the dam, we are working with other Committees on park bathroom roofs, LCPOA Office, major equipment expenses, and other individual capital expenses that would exceed \$10,000.



Lake Columbia Dam



Sanford Lake - after 2020 dam failure



Watershed and Water Quality Improvement Committee by Larry Queener

The LCPOA Watershed and Water Quality Improvement Committee was established October 2022, and gained an LCPOA Board-approved Charter, with representatives from each Shoreline.

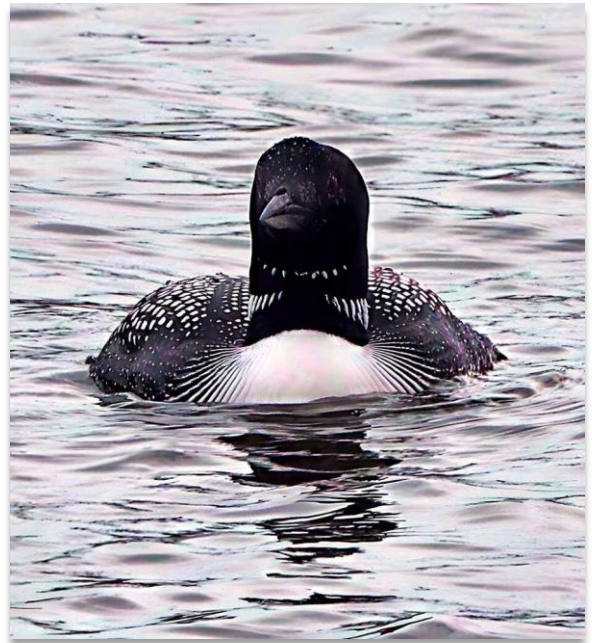
The Committee prioritized areas of focus to ensure lasting water results to be enjoyed by our community with a concentration on these main areas:

1. How to mitigate incoming sediment, contaminants from Goose Creek, storm water drains and homeowner fertilization and any other sources you feel are affecting our lake.
2. General yearly maintenance recommendations (i.e., weed control, storm drains, removal of lake weeds, leaves, etc.).
3. Recommend where dredging, bio augmentation or other ways to improve navigational and recreational use of the lake, should be done.
4. How can LCPOA work with local farms and golf courses to limit contaminants from affecting the lake. Include any recommendations, grants and/or assistance available for these mitigation solutions.
5. Maintaining the existing Wetland Water Systems in and around Lake Columbia.
6. Assist in an educational plan for LCPOA members on proper actions to maintain the lake quality.

Watershed and Water Quality Improvement ... Continued

The Committee analyzed quotes from three suppliers to determine best course of action based on primary needs. Board approved recommendation of Restorative Lake Services (RLS) to further evaluate and establish short-, medium-, and long-term watershed management plans.

We look forward to RLS's Comprehensive analysis and response with recommendations by the end of March and a **Great Summer on the Lake!**





Watershed and Water Quality Committee by Dan Bihn

Report from the 62nd Annual Michigan Lakes and Streams Association Conference Protecting and Restoring Michigan's Lakes and Streams – 2023

I was provided the opportunity to attend the MLAS Annual Conference at Crystal Mountain on May 5 & 6, 2023. The Conference included talks from environmental experts and displays from organizations that work to improve lakes and streams.

A couple key takeaways from the Conference:

1. It has been stated many times, use phosphorous-free fertilizer. I never understood why. It was shown to us that 1 lb. of Phosphorous in a lake can support the growth of 500 Lbs. of algae. The most common sources of phosphorous are leaky septic systems and lawn fertilizers. On Lake Columbia the septic problem has been mitigated. Now, we need to consider what we are using on our lawns to make them green. If you must fertilize, please use phosphorous-free fertilizers. The truth is, anyone that waters with lake water is getting better nutrients direct from the lake. Fertilizer is NOT necessary.

2. Michigan offers a “good steward” award for farmers that “do the right thing” when it comes to the environment. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural

Watershed Committee . . . Continued

Development (MDARD) offers a certificate to conforming farmers called the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). Ask your farmers at the local markets if they have reached this status. Local landscapers can also earn this certificate. It indicates that they are good stewards to Michigan Lakes and Streams.

3. When doing landscaping, consider the following:
 - a. Use native Michigan flowers, shrubs and trees. Here is a link to help you find plants native to Michigan: https://www.canr.msu.edu/nativeplants/plant_facts/local_info/south_lower_peninsula
 - b. Consider reducing the amount of lawn and return to a more natural lakeshore.

If you are interested to see the information that was gathered over the two-day Conference, please feel free to visit the LCPOA Office. The information will be at the counter in the main office by the time you receive this newsletter.



Construction Guidelines

FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THE **FIRST STOP** IS THE LAKE COLUMBIA PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (LCPOA)

NO Land or Waterfront Construction of any type on any LCPOA property can begin without first completing all requirements of the Deeded Restrictions, By-laws, Policies and Procedures and receiving approval by the Building Control Committee to proceed with your permit request to either Columbia Township or State of Michigan agencies (EGLE, DNR, etc.).

The LCPOA Deeded Restrictions **DOES NOT** have a variance approval option. A variance received from Columbia Township will only apply if you have already received approval from LCPOA Building Control Committee for your construction project prior to your permit request to Columbia Township and the township ordinances require a variance that does not violate the LCPOA Deeded Restrictions.

The Office, Building Control Committee, and Policies and Procedure Committee have created a set of Instructions for Land and Waterfront construction that will be available in the office for all existing and new LCPOA members and on the website. Copies of the Instructions will also be available at the office for realtors, builders, architects, Columbia Township Office, or anyone who can assist a member with LCPOA Deeded Restrictions construction compliance.

BEFORE APPLYING TO COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP FOR A BUILDING PERMIT

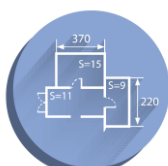
Land Construction: Before you begin building a new home, addition, garage, deck, fence, or carport the following is required by the LCPOA.

1. Copy of LCPOA Land Construction, Plans, Requirements, and Blueprint Evaluation Form Instructions.
2. Copy LCPOA Construction Plans and Requirements.
3. Completion of LCPOA Blueprint Construction Evaluation Form.
4. Approval by the LCPOA Building Control Committee before you can proceed with your building permit request to Columbia Township.
5. A copy of the approved permit must be received by the LCPOA Office from Columbia Township or provided by the member **BEFORE** construction begins.

BEFORE APPLYING TO STATE OF MICHIGAN (EGLE, DNR ETC.) FOR A PERMIT

Waterfront Construction: Before installing a dock, installing, replacing, or repairing a seawall, dredging, or any other construction (project) touching the lake bottom the following is required by LCPOA.

1. Copy of LCPOA Waterfront Construction, Plans, Requirements, Park Use and Evaluation Form Instructions.
2. Completion of LCPOA Waterfront Construction, Plans, Requirements Park Use, and Evaluation Form.
3. Signed LCPOA (Bottomland) Letter of Authorization for EGLE.
4. Completion LCPOA Dredging Agreement (if necessary for the project).
5. Copy of LCPOA Park Policy referring you to LCPOA Waterfront Construction, Plans, Requirements Park Use, and Evaluation Form if you are using the park for construction equipment, storage and/or transport of supplies via land or water for a land or water construction project.
6. Completion of LCPOA Fee and Security Deposit Agreement if you are using the park for construction equipment, storage and/or transport of supplies via land or water for a land or water construction project.
7. If park use is for Land Construction, you must also complete section A. of this document and section 5. Park Use of LCPOA Waterfront Construction, Plans, Requirements Park Use, and Evaluation Form.
8. If park use is for Waterfront construction, you must also complete applicable section of the LCPOA Waterfront Construction, Plans, Requirements Park Use, and Evaluation Form and section 5 Park Use.
9. All Evaluation forms must be approved by the LCPOA Building Control Committee before proceeding with request for permit from the appropriate State of Michigan Agency; EGLE, DNR, etc.
10. A copy of the approved permit of the approved permit must be received by the LCPOA Office from the appropriate State of Michigan Agency (EGLE, DNR, etc.) or provided by the member before construction begins.





Lake Columbia Property Owners Association

Trash Schedule

Trash will be picked up on Monday and Friday. Please put your cart out the night before pick up. Modern Waste, 96-gallon carts are provided, and regular household trash will be picked up on these days. If you have a large item to be disposed of, please contact the office to make arrangements.

Recycling pick up is every-other Wednesday as per the calendar.

(see reverse side for more information on trash service)



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE CHANGE

Memorial	Trash pick up moved to Tues, 5/30 & Sat 6/3 Recycle moved to Thurs 6/1
July 4th	Friday trash pick up moved to Sat 7/8
Labor Day	Trash pick up moved to Tues 9/5 & Sat 9/9 Recycle moved to Thurs 9/7
Thanksgiving	Friday trash pick up moved to Sat 11/25
Christmas	Trash pick up moved to Tues 12/26 & Sat 12/30 Recycle moved to Thurs 12/28

SPECIAL TRASH DATES

	RECYCLING EVERY-OTHER WEDNESDAY	
	Christmas Tree Pick Up	January 5 & 12
	Saturday Compost Service Starts	April 1
	Spring Clean Up	June 10
	Last Compost Service	November 18

LCPOA SPECIAL DATES

	Monthly LCPOA Board Meetings-4th Mon/mo except Dec.	
	Annual Membership Payments Due	April 3
	Annual LCPOA Board Meeting 1 PM @ CCHS	May 21

LCPOA ACTIVITIES

	Fishing Tournaments	May 28/Sept 3
	Annual Garage Sale	June 3
	Fireworks Display (July 2 raindate)	July 1
	Annual Family Picnic	August 19

ISSUES RELATED TO TRASH SERVICE MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE LCPOA OFFICE

517-592-2361 or lcpoa@comcast.net

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LAKE COLUMBIA TRASH SERVICE

- **Twice a week normal household trash pick up**
 - Monday & Friday - put out night before
- **Christmas Tree pick up**
 - Thursday, January 5 and 12
- **Voluntary Recycling pick up (use cart with yellow lid)**
 - Every-other Wednesday - put out night before
- **Yard waste pick up**
 - Every Saturday from April 1 to November 18
- **Clean-up Day**
 - Saturday, June 10
- Modern Waste uses an automatic loading arm that will load your trash and recycling items into their trucks. Only the cart provided will be serviced. Please place cart 3 ft. from mailbox with the handles facing house.
- Please bag all loose trash and contain loose recycling to prevent a mess when the arm lifts above the truck to dump.
- In the case where a holiday occurs, the service days will be shifted one day forward the entire week. The compost service will still be completed on Saturdays. (See reverse for schedule)
- The supplied 96-gallon trash and recycling carts are owned by Modern and should be left at the home if moving. Please contact the LCPOA office if moving in or out. The carts will be repaired or replaced by Modern for normal wear and tear at no cost. Cart cleaning is the responsibility of the property owner.

SPECIAL PICK UP SERVICES

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP: Please put trees to the curb the night before pick up. Do not place trees in trash carts.

Yard Waste/Compost: Must be in yard waste/compost bags or loose in containers clearly labeled, "Yard Waste". Compost will consist of grass, leaves, and brush. Brush is accepted and must not be larger than 2" in diameter. Brush must be bagged or bundled in lengths less than 3 ft. All items must be placed outside by 5:00 AM for Saturday service between the April 1 – November 18. All bags and cans set out for service must be able to be safely lifted by one individual. Please note that when the weather drops below freezing, if using a can for compost, the materials will freeze to the bottom of the can. Modern Waste will not warranty or replace customer owned cans placed out for compost services.

CLEAN UP DAY: A curbside clean-up will be conducted one time per year. All items need to be placed curbside by 5:00 AM on the scheduled collection Saturday. Loose items must be bagged or placed into a cart or can. Larger items may be set out for collection if the items do not weigh more than two people can safely lift. Hazardous wastes, construction material, tires, compressed gas cylinders, and items containing Freon will not be accepted.

BULK ITEMS PICK UP: Bulk items consist of an item that is too large to fit into the provided cart during a normal scheduled service day. Bulk items must be pre-authorized and scheduled by the LCPOA office staff. There will be an additional fee of \$10/item paid to the LCPOA office. Carpet would need to be tied in 4 ft. rolled sections not to exceed 50 lbs. per roll. Bulk items should not be heavier than what two people can safely lift.



RECYCLING

LCPOA RECYCLING COLLECTION: Modern Waste uses "single-stream" or "comingled" recycling. This means that all recyclables do not need to be sorted by you. Materials are sorted at a single-stream sorting facility after collection

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING MATERIALS

- Newsprint including glossy magazines, phone books and junk mail
- Tin, aluminum and scrap iron
- Plastics – HDE #1 and #2 ONLY
- Cardboard, paper bags, newspaper, office paper and paperboard (no wax-coated paperboard)

MODERN WASTE DOES NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR RECYCLING

- Vinyl siding, hangers, toys, shrink-wrap, flower trays, plastic fencing, plastic bags, and automotive fluid containers
- Glass of any kind
- Window glass, drinking glasses, sliding glass doors, dishes, and light bulbs
- Metal-non-food containers, gas cans, air conditioners, burning barrels, chairs and garage door openers
- Wood, Styrofoam, or garbage

If you miss the every-other Wednesday recycling, you can drop off at Modern Waste Systems, 7245 S. Brooklyn Rd. Napoleon, MI

**ISSUES RELATED TO TRASH SERVICE
MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE
LCPOA OFFICE: 17
517-592-2361 or lcpoa@comcast.net**

Mark Your Calendars



May

- 01 – Activities Committee Planning meeting @ Clark Lake Golf Course 6 p.m.
- 06 – *Boater's Safety class @ the LCPOA Office from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
**Must Pre-Register*
- 21 – 59th Annual LCPOA Mtg @ Columbia Central High School, includes (board elections) 1 p.m.
- 28 – Memorial Day Fishing Derby at Big Bedford Park (\$50 per Boat 7 a.m. - Start, 12 p.m. Fish Weigh-In)
- 28 – Petey's Donuts @ Somerset Park, 8 - 11 a.m.

June

- 03 – Annual Garage Sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 03 – Blend and Brew @ Castlewood, 12 – 3 p.m.
- 03 – Summer Kick-Off party @ Clark Lake Golf Course 6 - 9 p.m.
- 10 – Spring Cleanup
- 17 – 2nd Annual Craft Show @ Southern Shores Park 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 18 - Petey's Donuts @ Nottingham Park, 8 - 11 a.m.
- 26 – LCPOA Regular Board Meeting @ Clark Lake Golf Course, 7 p.m.

July

- 01 – Ben's Island Grindz Food Truck @ Castlewood Park, 1 - 4 p.m.
- 01 – Fourth of July Fireworks
Rain Date July 2nd
- 02 – Petey's Donuts @ Castlewood Park, 8 - 11 a.m.
- 22 – Blend and Brew @ Castlewood - **TBD**
- 24 – LCPOA Regular Board Meeting @ Clark Lake Golf Course, 7 p.m.
- 29 – Whiskey Jack's BBQ @Castlewood

August

- 12 – Petey's Donuts @ Somerset Park, 8 -11 a.m.
- 19 – Annual Family Picnic Location & Timing - **TBD**
- 26 – Blend and Brew @ Castlewood - **TBD**
- 28 – LCPOA Regular Board Meeting @ Clark Lake Golf Course, 7 p.m.

ENJOY YOUR
Summer
TIME

Mark Your Calendar . . . continued

September

- 03** – Petey’s Donuts @ Nottingham Park from 8-11 a.m.
- 25** – LCPOA Regular Board Meeting @ Clark Lake Golf Course, 7 p.m.

October

- 23** – LCPOA Regular Board Meeting @ Clark Lake Golf Course, 7 p.m.

November

- 27** – LCPOA Regular Board Meeting @ Clark Lake Golf Course, 7 p.m.

Donations are always welcome for Fish Tournaments, Fireworks Display, or for any other LCPOA amenity.



We accept cash, checks (payable to LCPOA), or you may utilize our new credit card payment method. These events are funded by the LCPOA; however, donations always help insure the best experience for our members.

We have donation forms online for your convenience or you may come to the LCPOA Office for assistance. Even though we are a private lake, we are still a non-profit organization, and your donation is tax deductible.



Communication

As the Communication Committee we are working towards ensuring that the LCPOA membership is informed with the latest LCPOA news and announcements.



Columbian Splash (formerly known as Constant Contact) is the official email communication from the LCPOA Office. Be sure to sign up and provide your name, address, phone, and email address so you can receive the most up-to-date and accurate Lake Columbia information and announcements.

Please send an email to lcpoa@comcast.net to be added or call the Office at (517) 592-2361.



The OFFICIAL Lake Columbia Property Owners Association Facebook group was created to serve as official communication of the LCPOA. This is a private group exclusively for Lake Columbia Property Owners. Please ask to join and our moderators will review your request. As a closed group, posts on this page are not visible to the public. This group page is intended to provide information and announcements directly related to the LCPOA.



Thank you, Gail Durham (Royal Shores) for the beautiful photos that you shared with LCPOA membership. If you have any photos to share, please notify LCPOA – Communication Committee.

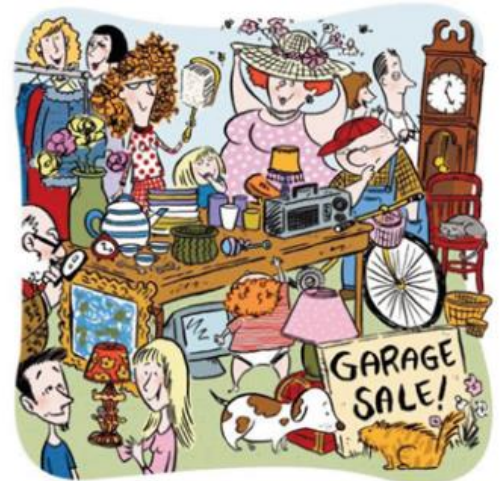
Garage Sale & Spring Clean-Up

Date: June 3, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Info: Contact the Office by May 26th to add your house to the list which they will have for pick up at the Office the week of May 29th.

This year's Spring Cleanup date is **Saturday, June 10**. A curbside cleanup is held one time per year. All items need to be placed curbside by 5 a.m. on Saturday. Loose items need to be bagged or placed into a cart or can. Larger items may be set out for collection if the items do not weigh more than 2 people can safely lift. Hazardous wastes, construction material, tires, compressed gas cylinders, and items containing Freon **will not be accepted**.



Food Truck Info

Please see **Mark Your Calendar** (pages 18 & 19) for confirmed Food Trucks and dates.

We are waiting for confirmation from additional Food Trucks and will make announcements via Columbian Splash and the Official Lake Columbia Property Owners Association Facebook group.



BEN'S ISLAND GRINDZ

Food Truck & Kava Bar

Boating Safety Reminders



Watercraft - Registration Requirements

All watercraft, unless exempt, must be registered with the Michigan Department of State and display a registration decal. For most watercraft, the registration fee is based on length. All registrations expire on **March 31** in the third year of issuance. You can find more information on the Michigan Secretary of State website. [Watercraft Decal – State of Michigan](#)

Who May Operate a Boat?

Those less than 12 years of age:

May legally operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower without restrictions.

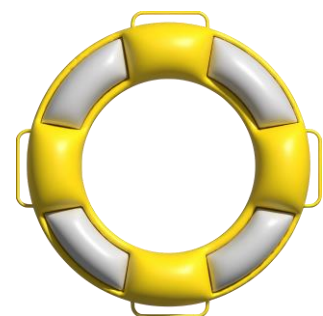
May legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 horsepower, but no more than 35 horsepower, only if they:

- have been issued a [boating safety certificate](#) and have it on board **and**
- are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.

May not legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 horsepower legally under any conditions.

Those **born on or after July 1, 1996**, may legally operate a motorized boat over 6 horsepower only if they have been issued a [boating safety certificate](#) and have it in their possession.

Those **born before July 1, 1996**, may legally operate a boat without restrictions.



Boating Safety Reminders

Who May Operate a Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski)?

Those **less than 14 years of age** may not legally operate a personal watercraft (PWC).

Those **14 and 15 years of age** may legally operate a PWC if they have obtained a [boating safety certificate](#) and are:

- Accompanied on board by their parent, legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age; **or**
- Operating or riding the PWC at not more than 100 feet from their parent legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age.
- Those **born on or before Dec. 31, 1978**, may operate a PWC legally **without** restrictions.
- Those **at least 16 years of age and born after Dec. 31, 1978**, may legally operate a PWC only if they have obtained a [boating safety certificate](#).



Life Jackets: Did you know?

- All vessels must be equipped with a life jacket/personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board or being towed.
- Children under 6 years of age must wear a USCG–approved Type I or II PFD.
- Michigan’s PFD law permits a vessel that is less than 16 feet long, or is a canoe or kayak, to choose to have either a wearable PFD or a throwable PFD for each person on board.

In addition to the above requirements, one USCG–approved throwable device must be on board vessels 16 feet or longer and be readily accessible.

- Each person riding on a PWC or being towed behind a PWC, or other vessel must wear a USCG – approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device. Inflatable PFDs are not allowed on PWC or while being towed behind PWC or other vessels.
- All PFDs must be in good and serviceable condition and must be readily accessible.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL LCPOA ELECTION



The 59th Annual Meeting of the Lake Columbia Property Owners Association (LCPOA)
Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
in the Media Center at the Columbia Central High School
11775 Hewitt Road, Brooklyn, Michigan

The business to be brought before the Membership will include the following:

1. General information
 - a. State of the Lake, reports of Officers
 - b. Other Business
2. Other LCPOA issues that may be brought up by Members (open discussion)
3. Election of Directors for the Board: The following Annual Shore Director positions are open for election, and the 3-year term expires in 2026. Directors shall be elected by and from the following subdivisions:
 - a. Bayview Shores
 - b. Cambridge / Imperial / Fletcher & Lots 1-36 of Bayview Shores
 - c. Grand Pointe / Blakely Shores

Any owner in good standing from the above shores wishing to run for election to the Board, may submit personally, by mail or electronic transmission, their name, address, phone number and any biographical information (or other qualification or explanatory information that the owner wishes to be distributed to the Members of the LCPOA) to the LCPOA Office, at least thirty (30) days (April 21st), but not more than sixty (60) days (March 23rd), prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Good standing candidates shall be determined as of April 1st of this year.

Except as otherwise set forth, herein, each member (as defined in LCPOA Bylaws, page 3, Article II, Membership Assessments and Voting Rights, Section 1) shall be entitled to one vote for each subdivision in which such member owns a lot provided that such member is in good standing. In the case of any Lot owned jointly by more than one member, the voting rights appurtenant to that Lot may be exercised only jointly as a single vote (as defined in LCPOA Bylaws, page 3, Article II, Section 5). Proxies (representing someone else) and absentee ballots are available to any Member in good standing upon that Member's request (see LCPOA Bylaws, page 8, Article III Meetings, Sec. 9).



COMMITTEE VACANCIES



The LCPOA created 10 committees in 2022. We have at least three (3) volunteers on each committee with one (1) committee member's term expiring each year. There is at least one (1) vacancy on each committee this year.

Below is a list of the Committees for your review:

1. Activities
2. Building Control
3. Communication*
4. Finance
5. Fish
6. Parks
7. Policies & Procedures*
8. Security
9. Strategic Planning/Infrastructure
10. Watershed & Water Quality Improvement

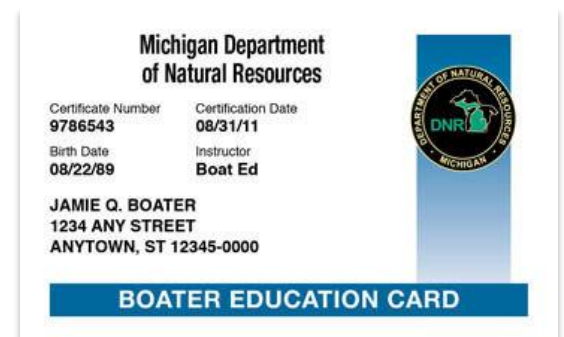


If you are interested in serving a one-, two-, or three-year term on one of these committees, please contact Chris Hensley at chrish.lcpoa@gmail.com who will place it on the Board's agenda for approval at their next regular meeting. Your term would begin after that approval.

****Position has been filled***

BOATER'S SAFETY CLASS

This years Boater's Safety class was presented by the Jackson County Sherriff's Office and the LCPOA. It took place on May 6, and was a great success! It is amazing how quickly this class fills up each year, so we would like to hear from you. Would there be interest in the LCPOA hosting another session this year (if we are able to schedule) and / or should we schedule two sessions for each year going forward?



GeoKey PROCESS AND UPDATE

There have been significant updates to the GeoKey app for 2023, as with any app we use on smartphones. Members in the LCPOA/GeoKey database were notified by GeoKey support to delete the GeoKey app and reinstall it to get the new version.

When you reinstall the GeoKey app and open it, you will see the following screens:

1. GeoKey would like to use Bluetooth (press - **OK**).
2. GeoKey would like to send you notifications (this is not required, so it is your choice).
3. A login screen appears. Put in your email address and password (check the **Remember Me** box in case you accidentally log out in the future).
4. You “*may*” get a screen that says, “**Register Device**” this device doesn’t match the device you currently have registered, would you like to register this device for use instead? (if you get this message, press - **yes**).
5. Device registration - your device has been successfully registered! (press - **OK**).
6. Allow GeoKey to use your location? (press - **allow while using app**).
7. Welcome! (press - **OK**).
8. Access Points - this is the GeoKey home screen. It will show the GeoKey lock coordinates closest to you. You energize a padlock by touching the **large button on the bottom of the padlock once**. The padlock will appear on the top of the screen. **Swipe right** where the padlock name appears on the screen, and you (press – **Access**) to open the padlock.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need your GeoKey access reactivated **by the office** to see any of the LCPOA access points / ramps.

This requires:

1. 2023 LCPOA member dues have been paid in full.
2. Signed Boat Ramp Access Agreement on file in the LCPOA Office.
3. Current year watercraft registration on file in the Office.

If you do not remember the email used, password, or need any other support, please contact the office at 517-592-2361, Monday-Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.



GeoKey PROCESS AND UPDATE . . . continued

Process for obtaining GeoKey Help:

The GeoKey Support phone number, the phone number for "**Urgent Requests**" is 888-348-9905 and appears at the bottom of the GeoKey Support screen. You can get to the Support screen by either pushing on the 3 bars ≡ at the bottom of the home screen or by partially swiping to the right on an access point and pressing on "More." Note that GeoKey Support will only help members that have been **activated** by the LCPOA Office. The Urgent Request phone number **will soon become** a "hot link" number that can be called when pressed. You would not need to back out of the app and try to remember the phone number.

Within the LCPOA website, click on "**Ramp Security**" there will be three documents for reference:

- **2023 GeoKey & Manual Ramp Procedures**
- **Setup and Use of GeoKey Smart Padlock, and**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**

These three documents will also be listed on the "**2023 GeoKey & Manual Ramp Procedures**" soon.

When GeoKey help is needed, please use these steps **in the order listed**:

1. GeoKey Support (as outlined above). They are available **24 hours a day**, Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Stay tuned as GeoKey support hopes to extend their support availability to 24/7/365 soon.
2. LCPOA Office (517-592-2361 during business hours which are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.). They will document problems they receive and refer them to the Security Committee for tracking issues and future GeoKey directional updates.
3. LCPOA member GeoKey helper list by shore:

Harry Krummery	Holiday Shores II	517-262-3443
Scott Rogers	Holiday Shores II	517-206-7724
Dave Lakin	Holiday Shores I	248-689-1388
Tom Crampton	Royal Shores	517-750-7726
Bob Blotkamp	Royal Shores	734-420-0544
Bob Hensley	Royal Shores	734-250-0327
John Niehaus	Royal Shores	330-802-0220
Mike Parks	Bayview Shores	734-262-0019
Lorri Parks	Bayview Shores	734-272-9299



WATERCRAFT & VEHICLE DECAL PROCESS

Lake Columbia is a private lake. In order to keep our lake private, we ask that Members obtain their 2023 LCPOA watercraft and vehicle decals from the LCPOA Office and place them on your watercraft and vehicles. This will ensure that your watercraft and vehicle are included in our registry. We will be enforcing current decals on vehicles in the parks and on watercraft on the lake. In order to obtain your decals, the following is required:

1. 2023 Annual LCPOA Dues are paid in full – vehicle & watercraft decals
2. Copies of valid registrations – vehicle & watercraft decals
3. Boat/Watercraft Ramp Access Agreement on file in the LCPOA Office – watercraft decal
4. GeoKey App installed on phone for access to LCPOA Ramps – watercraft decal

LAND & WATER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

For any construction project, LAND OR WATER/BEACH, the **FIRST STEP** is the Lake Columbia Property Owners Association (LCPOA). Packets are available with instructions and forms in the LCPOA Office, or on our website at lakecolumbia.net under Policies / Forms. [\(Please reference page 15 of this publication for detailed information\).](#)



2023 LCPOA DUES



REMINDER: If you have not yet paid your 2023 LCPOA Annual Dues, please pay them as soon as possible to avoid additional late fees. Late fees began on May 1st with an additional \$25 per month charge, thereafter, until required submission to the Collection Agency. Payment can be made by cash, check (payable to LCPOA), or credit card.

Welcome

New Members

A very special welcome to new residents, thank you for becoming a part of our community.

Bayview Shores

Holiday II Shores

Blakely Shores

Imperial Shores

Cambridge Shores

Riviera Shores

Fletcher Shores

Royal Shores

Grand Pointe Shores

Sherwood Shores

Hill N Shore

Southern Shores

Holiday I Shores



COMING SOON

We would like to welcome our new neighbors to Lake Columbia. Please contact the LCPOA Office with your information and we will be glad to list you in the next eNewsletter.



Meet Your **NEIGHBORS**

WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for neighbors who would like to share their story (***we all have one!***). This will be an on-going feature and we will try to include a few of these in each newsletter based on the input from our neighbors. Please contact us at LCPOA@comcast.net indicating that this is for the newsletter **Communication Committee**.

Here are a few prompts to help develop your story:

- Name – Family member names, ages
- Tell us about your family
- Where are you from and what do you do
- Where are you located on the Lake (Shore / Street)
- When and why did you first come to Lake Columbia
- Provide us with any history on your home; what year it was built, any improvements, photos
- What are your favorite Lake activities
- What is your favorite memory on Lake Columbia
- Why is Lake Columbia special to you
- Photos of you, your family, boat, house, pet, etc.
- ***Provide your email and phone number – for contact information/not to be published***

Additionally, if you are aware of someone moving in, a new baby, or a graduate, we would love to have that information so we can showcase this exciting news. Lastly, if we have lost an LCPOA member or aware of a neighbor that has passed, please let us know so we can honor them.



LCPOA Remembers . . .

There are some who bring a light so great to the world, that even after they have gone the light remains.

There are several members of the LCPOA who have passed recently. Many were long time LCPOA members, and they were all true lake lovers. We are fortunate to have great memories of them. These neighbors will forever be in our thoughts.



Name of Member

Biography and history memorial



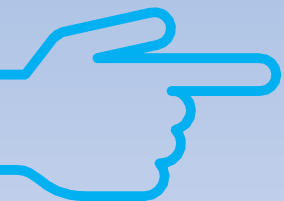
Name of Member

Biography and history memorial



Name of Member

Biography and history memorial



Lifetime Moments . . .

Make time to celebrate your
accomplishments,
no matter how **big** or small

Name

Name

Name

The sharing of good news and accomplishments is always exciting; we would like to celebrate our members, both young and old, and honor their achievements.

- New baby, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, etc.
- Please contact us at LCPOA@COMCAST.net indicating that this is for the newsletter **Communication Committee**
- *Provide your email and phone number – for contact information/not to be published*



Newsletter



Fall 2023 Submission Deadline – October 31, 2023



[Email news article](#)



- Meet the Neighbors
- LCPOA Remembers – Obituaries
- Lifetime Moments



Lake Columbia related photos

If you would like to share photos from around the lake, action photos, close-ups are preferable of groups; they must be jpg format. Please email them to lcpoa@comcast.net



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