

The Columbian Supplemental



Spring 2023

President's Corner by Tom Crampton

As I approach the end of my year as president, I think mainly about the positive impact of the eight Shore Directors, the forty-eight Committee members, and others who have volunteered their time, supported by the Office Staff, and are committed to improving the Lake Columbia Property Owners Association and our community. The recent ice storm brought back memories of why my wife, and I chose Lake Columbia as our retirement home – LCPOA Members response and neighbors' cooperation.

Lake Columbia and our community are experiencing climate volatility, a pandemic, and increased population and tourism, due to the lake's popularity. It is critical that we work together to improve and maintain the health of the lake, participate with local and state organizations, including agencies, maintain the integrity of the dam for the future, protect our beautiful natural habitat, maintain our parks and security as a private lake, plan and develop adequate financial reserve funds for the future, as well as seek improvement and safety of our roads.

One of our objectives has been to provide timely and informative communication for the membership. To provide a more comfortable setting for our monthly meetings, we moved them to the Clark Lake Golf Course, broadcasting the meetings live on Facebook, publishing an electronic Columbian Newsletter, and sending timely emails from Columbian Splash and messages on the Official Lake Columbia Property Owners Association Facebook page. Please let us know of suggestions to improve and take advantage of these communication options. If you're not receiving the information, please provide the LCPOA Office with your email address, and also join the "Official" Lake Columbia Property Owners Association's Facebook group.

If you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to volunteer, or just say hello, we'd love to hear from you. I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting on May 21, 2023, at Columbia Central High School, or around the lake.

Tom Crampton

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LCPOA ELECTION



The 59th Annual Meeting of the Lake Columbia Property Owners Association (LCPOA)

Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 1:00 pm

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

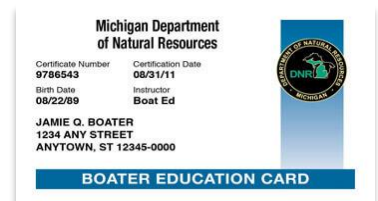


If you are interested in serving a three (3) year term on one of these committees, please contact Chris Hensley at chrish.lcpoa@gmail.com by April 14, 2023, for it to be approved at their April 2023, regular meeting. Your term would begin on May 22, 2023.

BOATER'S SAFETY CLASS

We have set up this year's Boater's Safety Class, presented by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and LCPOA for Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9 am to 2 pm. This class will be hosted at the LCPOA Office and will accommodate a maximum of 25 people. You must create an account and then search location to find Lake Columbia Property Owners Association.

Register @ <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/programs>
Contact Deputy Warner at nwarner@mijackson.org with questions. Please bring a highlighter to class.



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**. 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.

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 boat 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 AM and 5 PM.



WATERCRAFT AND 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.



2023 LCPOA DUES

REMINDER: If you have not yet paid your 2023 LCPOA Annual Dues, please pay them by April 1, 2023, to avoid the late fee process. Late fees begin 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 or credit card.



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