

Happy Semiquincentennial America!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Association Members,

Spring has finally arrived after a changeable and awful Michigan winter, and I am sure that all of you enjoy now your boat and jet-ski rides and fishing on our lake.

Your Board of Directors and Committees have been active throughout the last months to ensure that our man-made Lake Bel-Air will exist for your enjoyment for decades to come. Our years-long negotiations with bureaucratic authorities EGLE (Environment Great Lakes And Energy Dept.) were successful in obtaining the permission to drain - for navigational purposes only - Inlet # 3 and part of Inlet # 2. Under the many years supervision by Gerry Brown of the contractors for dredging and landscaping, the project was eventually finished at this year's spring. Most landowners are satisfied that they can get their boats moved into deeper waters. You all can be thankful to Gerry Brown, who has led these projects since 2018; Thank you sincerely, Gerry!

As Gerry has other community activity commitments, I am very pleased to let you know that two volunteers have stepped-up to take over the responsibilities of this Lake Improvement Committee: Susan Risk and Evan Malcheff will continue the job of Gerry, to supervise the needs and arrangements to "keep our lake alive". The Board is extremely happy and grateful that these two members are prepared for volunteering in our efforts. Welcome, Susan and Evan!!!



So, how do we continue to ensure our lovely Lake Bel-Air will continue to exist in its natural beauty, for boating, jet-skiing, canoeing, fishing, swimming and general enjoyment, before it will be filled with sediment and silt from Beebe Creek, as is has happened since its creation in 1965. Most of you have lived through this.

For the last eleven months your Board has investigated in the needs to achieve such goal. The authorities controlling environment in Lansing, EGLE, are against dredging projects. In order to get permission for a bigger dredging project, they demand "Sediment Testing". Your Board has found, after many efforts, a "dredging expert company" with reliable connections to the EGLE authorities, and the Board has contracted with them to go through the sediment testing process and permit application with EGLE. If EGLE will grant a permit for dredging a huge part of Inlet # 1 (the main inlet for bringing in sediment), all of your membership will have to decide and commit to "take money into your hand" for a

big dredging project, to commit keeping your lake and enjoyment going on for the future.

We will advise you later of the cost for this investment. I personally hope, that we have an idea at the Annual General Meeting at Saturday August 29th ,2026. (To be held at 10am, at Adams Township Hall)

Now, a few reminders:

Those who are approached here, please pay your assessments 2026, and pay next year on time before April 2nd.

Just read your covenants which gives the requirements for living on this lake.

Please consult our website www.lakebelair.org for all information and, please, do not tell me and others you are not informed. Our very capable Melissa is posting all important information.

We had a successful Fishing Derby with a social gathering on June 20th . **Our Boat Parade on the 4th of July under the motto “USA 250”, should show your patriotism, and I hope many of you will participate.**

I appreciate you for your interest in your lovely Lake Bel-Air, and send my regards, Karl-Rainer Hermann
(President L.B.A.P.O.A.)



This is a message from the LBAPOA Treasurer Laurie Mickiewicz.....

Thanks to Mike Mercier for suggesting that LBAPOA open a Fidelity account to earn interest on the Lake Improvement Funds. We opened an account and after taxes and fees, we earned \$1600 in 2025.

I would like to express the thanks of the Board and your fellow members for all of those who paid their assessment by the April 1 due date. However, I am sad to say that there are a handful of members who have not paid their assessment for years. This is not fair to the paying members. I have asked these members to reach out to me to make a plan for payment.

The bylaws give the Board the authority for collections, so we reluctantly decided to start to charge interest on assessments that are 6 months or more past due. We will charge 5%, which is 1.75% below Prime.

If you have any questions, please email me at LBTREAS20@GMAIL.COM or the Board at LAKEBELAIRPOA@GMAIL.COM.

Get ready for the LBAPOA July 4th BOAT PARADE celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Judging begins at 2pm.

Hop aboard your boat and go around lake 3 times, passing by the boat launch/ramp area.

1st place prize of \$250

2nd place \$100

3rd place \$50

As we begin the Summer 2026 Boating Season please be aware of the Lake Bel-Air Regulations and advise your guests!!

- Lake Bel-Air is a private lake with no public access. The combination to the boat ramp is for the use of LBAPOA members only, it may not be given to friends or strangers.
- **“No-wake” daily before 10:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m.** (“No-wake” is less than 5 miles per hour)
- LBAPOA has a boat sticker and daily pass program for residents and relatives visiting with their boats (see link below)

**Residents cannot act as policemen. To report any disturbance or incident of dangerous activity on the lake, contact the Hillsdale County Sheriff at 517-437-7317.

For details on the complete list of LBAPOA regulations, see the LBAPOA website:

<https://lakebelair.org/lake-bel-air-property-owners-association-regulations-updated-2018>

Some of the carp caught during the first annual LBAPOA Carp Catching Contest. Winners will be awarded their cash prizes at the AGM Aug 29th, 10am at Adams Township Hall.

The following practices are against the law in Michigan, therefore also at LBA:

- Failing to operate in a counterclockwise direction except in well-defined channels
- Operating watercraft in excess of 55 mph. **Lake Bel-Air speed limit is 35mph.**
- Operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Failing to maintain a proper distance while operating a vessel, or towing a person

Detailed State of Michigan restrictions concerning boats and personal watercraft are available here <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>





Here's your 2026 LBAPOA Board and how you can reach us!

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Want to build at Lake Bel-Air?

Before you plan any renovations or building, make sure you know the LBAPOA by-laws, restrictions and regulations!

All information on building can be found in your covenant, and in the by-laws and regulations on our website www.lakebelair.org.

For questions and permits contact the **LBAPOA Building Committee Chair: Neil Bendixen:**

Summertime at LBA is busy with people and pets out walking, taking advantage of the nice weather.

Please be mindful of the speed limits on Dawn Drive and Kim Drive. Speed limits are as slow as 15 mph on the curves.

Many residents have reported an increasing number of drivers going way too fast!

Next Weed Treatment: week of July 20th

Lake Ladies Luncheons: held on the last Thursday of the month.

Please check the Lake Bel-Air Association Web Site www.lakebelair.org for updates to all of the lake activities and events as they become available!

Lake Bel-Air Eagle sighting captured by John Cerne June 15th, 2026.

