

# LAKE ARROWHEAD NEWS—MAR 2025

## Upcoming LA Events

### Board Meetings

May 3, 2025 at 8:00 AM

\* all meetings held in Lancaster Hall & via Zoom

### Campground Meeting

May 24, 2025 at 11:00 AM in the Campground

### Annual Membership Meeting

July 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Pavilion

### Social Committee Activities

Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Anita's Park  
Sunday April 13, 1pm - 3pm



### Beautification Day

May 24, 2025 at 10:00 am  
Meet at Lancaster Hall

**LAPOA Office: 231-585-7411**

**7065 Arrowroot Trail**

**Gaylord, MI 49735**

[www.lapoa.com](http://www.lapoa.com)

### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday 1:00-4:00 PM

Wednesday 5:00-7:00 PM  
(no Wednesday hours during March and April - please contact the office to make an appointment if needed)

Thursday 1:00-4:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00-11:00 AM

### **Email to Staff:**

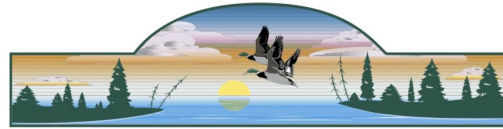
[LAPOAoffice@gmail.com](mailto:LAPOAoffice@gmail.com)

LAPOA drop box is located on the East end of the mailbox building for payments and correspondence. Contact information for individual board members can be found on the LAPOA

[Contact Page.](#)

## Reminder from Post Office/Mail Delivery

Please remember to place a hold/stop on your mail if you will be travelling or unable to empty your mailbox. The size of our boxes does not allow for mail to pile up. Mail can be stopped for up to 1 month by simply going online or stopping in/calling the post office.



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## BOARD BUSINESS

The LAPOA Board holds its Regular Meetings on the first Saturday of August, October, December, February, and May and a brief organizational meeting after the Annual Membership meeting in July. All Members are encouraged to attend in-person or via Zoom (the Annual Membership Meeting is in July and is in-person only). The Zoom meeting link for a meeting can be found within the agenda that is posted on our official website. We understand that many of our members are busy, so we encourage those missing out to read the minutes available on our website.

LAPOA normally holds its Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Director election on the first Saturday of July. This year it falls on July 5<sup>th</sup>. We strongly encourage all of our members to attend.

### Board of Directors Elections

Members in Good Standing may nominate themselves or a fellow association member to the Board of Directors. The **nominations must be received by the Association Secretary no later than May 1, 2025.** A Board application form can be found on page 8 of this newsletter and on our official website. Additional Board nominations will be accepted from the floor at our Annual Membership Meeting. For 2025 we have 5 (five) seats to fill for 3-year terms.

### Annual Membership Meeting Agenda Item Requests

Members in good standing may submit a request to have an item added to the Annual Membership Meeting Agenda for Members' consideration. **Agenda Item Requests must be received by the Association Secretary no later than May 1, 2025.**

Cyn Huyghe, LAPOA Secretary



Hello Neighbors!

We have had one heck of a winter, haven't we? Record snowfall and temps but the end of our winter wonderland is finally near!

I for one am so excited for my flowers to start popping up, seeing the birds and wildlife return, opening the windows and getting the boat out!! I am also looking forward to seeing all of you out and about!

We have our big annual meeting coming up on July 5. I hope you will consider attending as this meeting is always very important for our membership. Can't wait to say Hi!

Tracey Duty, LAPOA Vice President

Hello from the Communications Committee!

We have had a lot of activity this winter on our Facebook page and Diana shut down her page. While we are committed to free speech and the idea of sharing concerns, we just ask that you remain respectful when sharing your thoughts online. Those words stay there forever. As always, the Lake Arrowhead Gaylord Michigan page is where you will

find all things Lake Arrowhead. This is the only authorized LAPOA social media page. News, updates, kudos, reminders and photos are all welcome. We do have a set of rules that must be agreed to. No bullying, no cussing etc. (The cussing one is hard for me! YKYK) Can't wait to see all those Spring photos!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/14uxUBRUKN/>

Tracey Duty/Ron Race



#### Board of Directors:

**President; Building Maintenance Chair; Campground Chair**

Paul Cutting

**Vice President; Communications Chair; Resolution Committee Chair**

Tracey Duty

**Secretary**

Cyn Huyghe

**Treasurer; Collections Committee Chair; Personnel Chair**

Judy Race

**Environment & Zoning Chair; Parliamentary, Bylaws & History Support; Real Estate Chair**

Dana Stubli

**Pool Chair; Minerals/Gas Wells Chair; Resolution Committee**

Dave Johnston

**Parks, Recreation, Lakes & Safety Chair; Pools Support**

Katie Swank

**Roads, Ground & Equipment Chair; Parliamentary, Bylaws, History Chair; Forestry Chair; Personnel Support**

Dan Burroughs

**Social Activities Chair**

Patti Brown

**Newsletter Chair; Parks, Recreation, Lakes and Safety Support; Technology Committee**

Dawnna Pavelka

**Long Range Planning Chair; Campground Support**

Gary Smith

**Building Control Chair; Technology Committee; Resolution Committee**

Tiffany Race

**Website Chair; Parks, Recreation, Lakes and Safety Support; Personnel Support; Resolution Committee**

Katie Warner

**Long Range Planning Support; Resolution Committee**

Lori Lancaster

Is Spring here yet????!! We know we are, with everyone else, anxiously awaiting spring flowers, campfires and SUNSHINE!

We have been busy behind the scenes making positive changes to our community based on your comments and suggestions! We have had the opportunity to bring several big issues to the board for discussion and change, not only from your complaints but your suggestions as well!

Please reach out to the Resolution Committee via the Resolution form on our LA website if you have concerns or thoughts for our beautiful neighborhood.

Tracey, Dave, Lori, Katie Wand Tiffany

Resolution Committee

<https://www.lapoa.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/LAPOA-Resolution-Form-Fillable.pdf>



## 2024-2025 SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Dear Friends and Family Members of our LAPOA Community!!

Amazingly we made it through this winter! Even though there is still a LOT of snow on the ground and roads still have the feel of tunnels we are lifted in spirit that the start of Spring is here.

It won't be long before the Social Committee will be celebrating our annual EASTER EGG HUNT Event at Anita's Park and Lancaster Hall, SUNDAY, APRIL 13th FROM 1-3 PM. Have the kids' baskets ready to hunt for eggs and create small crafts in Lancaster Hall. Light refreshments will be available. AND the Easter bunny may show up!

The Social Committee is looking for volunteers that would work only on one individual event rather than all the events for the year; of course, we would love you helping far more than one! We will take all the volunteers we can get!

Each event will be posted on our Members Only Facebook page and the LAPOA website far in advance to allow you to plan your volunteer commitment and place the date on your calendar. We would meet one time prior to the event to finalize details of that event. The more volunteers we have the less time it takes from start to finish. We are always in need of cleanup helpers.

We encourage your event suggestions of any kind by contacting me, Patti Brown, 734-368-3053. Leave a message or just text me with your full name, LAPOA address, phone number. I will contact you within a week to discuss your suggestion.

Halloween, Christmas, the Chili Cook-off and the Easter Egg Hunt are the events in motion. In addition, we are in the process of creating a Summer Event. From there we can add smaller events as the social demand increases.

The LAPOA Community has been gracious in your donations and loans of decorations and monetary gifts. It has helped our small budget tremendously. We would not have done these events without your

overwhelming generosity. We are open to positive suggestions of things we should do differently as well.

On behalf of all of our Social Committee we thank you for all of your interest, commitment and encouragement that you give this committee. We look forward to all of our events where more families can participate and more friendships can blossom!

Patti Brown, chair  
Tracey Johansen-Duty, support  
Karoline Kinjorski, support  
Tammy Benoit, support  
Veronica Johnston, support



## NEEDED FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

⇒ Volunteers to help hide eggs

⇒ Candy or small trinkets (to fit inside plastic egg) and/or monetary donations

## FROM THE TREASURER...

### March 2025 Treasurer Report

- Judy Race, Treasurer

We just closed the books on the 2024-2025 fiscal year. We ended the year with a balance of \$2,369 in the Association operating account, and \$55,318 in the Reserve fund. We have paid for our new truck and for the equipment that is currently being installed on the truck. Our gas wells continue to pay royalties, although much less than years back. This past year we received \$6,571 from royalties. We have begun the current year forestry program which will generate some additional income. The gas well royalties and the forestry program funds are added to our reserve fund at year end.

This has been a record-breaking year for snowfall, which has been very costly to us. Our Roads Caretaker has worked very hard and long hours to keep our roads clear. He had someone helping him during some of the extreme snowfalls which also added to our payroll this year. Several times we had to call in additional help with heavy equipment to push through and push back the snow to keep the roads open. With all of this, we had approximately \$18,000 in additional road maintenance expenses that were not budgeted for this fiscal year. Fortunately, our rainy summer last year allowed us to manage the dust with only one road brine, leaving funds that we were able to use to help cover this winter's additional expenses. We also had a few budget items that came in below the budget and we collected more past due assessments than budgeted. Based on all of this we were able to cover this shortfall due to the excessive winter snowfall within our operating budget funds. This budget year ended Feb 28, 2025, unfortunately the extreme snowfall has not stopped. I expect that we will have more extra snow removal costs before this all melts away. We as a board will work on adjusting the budget to cover these additional expenses.

The Campground had a good year, they have more daily campers than budgeted and were able to stay within their budget on most items. Because of this they were able to cover their 2023-2024 budget year shortfall and end up with a balance of \$633. The electrical upgrade loan will be paid in full May of 2026.

We are excited about Truestream, as I am sure many of you are. We plan to convert the office and campground internet, phones, and camera system to Truestream when the

snow melts. This will help with our productivity in the office, better reliability with our camera systems, and stronger internet in our common areas, and will save us money in the long run.

Collections – I am happy to say that we have two new members to our collection committee, so we have a three-person committee again. We have been very busy reaching out to members that owe past due assessments, doing research to locate past and current members that are delinquent, sending letters and paperwork, filling out and filing small claims documents, at times having to work with various police depts to serve these court docs, working with mediators as mandated by the judge, and finally attending court. This has helped us surpass our budgeted collection's goal. We also continue the practice of posting the names of members and past members owing delinquent LAPOA assessments on the window at Lancaster Hall. If you owe delinquent LAPOA assessments, please contact the LAPOA office @ 231-585-7411 or LAPOAoffice@gmail.com to make payments or work out a payment plan to avoid legal action.



### **IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!**

2025-2026 Assessments were mailed out on March 1, 2025, to all owners of record on March 1<sup>st</sup>. All payments must be **received** no later than June 15, 2025. On June 16<sup>th</sup> a \$50 late fee will be assessed to all accounts with unpaid assessments, as mandated by our LAPOA bylaws. If mailing your payment, be sure to give it plenty of time, as mail delivery has slowed significantly. Checks may also be put in an envelope with your name and placed in the locked drop-box on the East side of the Mailbox Building. Payment by credit card can be made by clicking the "Make a Payment" button on the home page of the LAPOA website (scroll down to the quick links), or by calling the LAPOA office during office hours. Please note there is a 3% charge to help cover bank fees when paying with a credit card. If you move, please notify the LAPOA office as soon as possible to be sure that your annual bill is mailed to your current address.

**Primary Lots/Reserve Fund \$300.50 + \$71    Secondary Lots \$109.28**

If you have not received your statements via mail or email, please contact the office at **231-585-7411**.



# ROADS, GROUND, & EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Winter 2024/2025 has been a record breaking year for snow. As of the middle of March 2025 there has been 210 inches of snow that has fallen and we are currently in the middle of a system that was projected to bring an additional 3 to 6 inches. This winter also saw a single day record of 28 inches of snowfall. There have been numerous maintenance issues with the tractor. Due to the excessive amount of snow that fell at the beginning of winter and the amount of snow that fell continuously throughout the season, there was more snow than could just be plowed from the roadways. It came to a point where there was snow to plow and nowhere to put it so that both lanes could remain passable. After reaching out to see if we could find outside help, the only company who would commit to helping us move snow was Earthworks. They brought several pieces of their equipment, a bulldozer, a front-end loader with a wing blade and a road grader in to help us push the snow back. The extra work for our employees and the outside contractors has been an unexpected, but necessary, expense to keep the roads open for residents and guests. Dan Burroughs, Chair

## FORESTRY PLAN UPDATE



In August of 2021, LAPOA entered into a Forest Management Plan. This was completed with the assistance of Martell Forestry, an experienced and local company with these 4 goals in mind:

1. To provide opportunities for recreation and hunting
2. To provide optimal habitat or wildlife
3. To manage the forest in a sustainable manner for timber production and forest health
4. To protect the ponds and all riparian zones

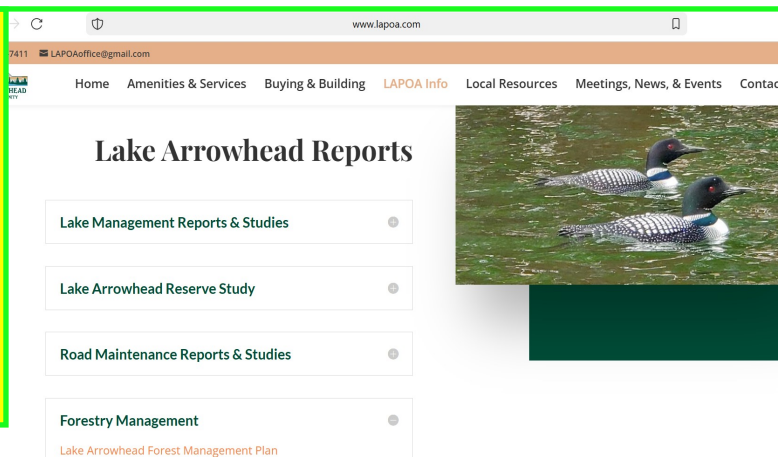
The scheduled cut for winter 2023/2024 was postponed due to the low prices for wood. Units 7, 8 and 9 were instead set to be cut over the 2024/2025 winter by Timberline Logging. To date, the trees have been select cut on these units and some have been removed. Due to Frost Laws going into effect, the remaining trees and brush will be removed when the snow melts and the frost laws are removed. There are several areas of concern such as beech bark disease. The units included in the

planned cut for 2025/2026 will be approved by the LAPOA Board.

A rep from Martell Forestry will be present at the May 3rd Board meeting which begins at 8 am.

Dan Burroughs, Chair

The forestry plan can be found in its' entirety at [lapoa.com](http://lapoa.com) under LAPOA Info. Scroll down and click on the link to reports and it will take you to the bottom of the page where you can find the Forestry Management Plan.





## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Annual Beautification Committee flower garden clean up will be May 24th at 10 am. Meet at Lancaster Hall. Bring your gloves, small shovels and rakes. I plan on applying mulch at the front entrance and stepping stones by the pool. I will bribe you with Tim Hortons muffins and water. Hopefully, the snow will be gone by then, if not, bring your boots!

Hope to see you!!

Alice Kennedy



## PARKS, LAKE & SAFETY

The Parks, Lake and Safety Committee is hoping to proceed with plans to begin restoring the volleyball court and baseball diamond areas. Some sitework has been done on the volleyball court. Stay tuned on social media for volunteer and fundraising opportunities for improvements that will include, not be limited to, the above mentioned projects.

Another idea we are tossing around is to have an "Adopt a Park" program to help beautify and maintain the numerous small parks around the association that often get overlooked. If interested please contact committee members Katie S, Katie W or Dawanna.

## BOAT MOORING POST DRAWING

It is time once again to get your name in for the Boat Mooring Lottery drawing. All members are welcome to attend.

- ⇒ Annual lottery will be held on the **first Saturday in May at 10:30 a.m. during the May Board Meeting**
- ⇒ Cost is **\$500** from **May 15—October 15**
- ⇒ Assignment is by lottery; members **must** notify the office to enter the lottery by **1 May**

Lottery entrants will be notified of the lottery results by the Office Manager.

Lottery entrants that did not get selected in the lottery will be put on a waitlist for the season (in the order their name was drawn). If a post becomes available during the season, those on the waitlist (in order) will be given the option to finish the season at a prorated amount.

Lottery winners must remit payment in-full, along with a signed lease, and the current year dues/assessment no later than 7-days after notification of winning. If the posts are not available on May 15th, the rental fee will be prorated.

To review the lease agreement, click link or visit our website under Amenities & Services.

[Boat Mooring Lease Agreement](#)



## How to Bear-Proof Your Property

**Bear season is just around the corner...**Bears have excellent sniffers. Your first line of defense is to make sure they're not attracted to your property because you left foodstuffs outside.

**Bird feeders:** Regularly clean up debris beneath bird feeders. Put away your bird feeders in early spring (April 1) and don't put them back up until mid-November. Bring hummingbird feeders in at night.

**Pet food:** Feed pets indoors when possible, and store pet food indoors. If you feed animals outdoors, bring food dishes in at night.

**Garbage:** Store garbage in a bear-resistant trash container or inside a storage area. Double-bag to reduce odors and place bags inside the container. Regularly clean and deodorize cans with bleach.

**Grills:** When cooking meat on the outdoor grill, don't leave your food unattended. Thoroughly clean your grill after use, including the grease can and drip tray. Clean up spills on your deck or patio. Store the grill in a garage or shed when not in use.

**Compost:** Don't add pungent items such as meat, melon rinds, or sweet-smelling foods to your compost pile. Regularly turn the pile and add lime to reduce odors. You can make a natural bear deterrent by soaking a rag in ammonia and placing it in a bucket near your compost pile.



**Fruit trees and berry bushes:** Harvest fruit from fruit trees and berry bushes as soon as it's ripe. Pick up fallen produce frequently; rethink planting more fruit trees or berry bushes.

**Other:** Even non-food items can attract bears. Take scented items, such as sun-tan lotion, insect repellent, soap, or candles indoors when not in use..

## Hayes Township Public Input Survey

The Hayes Township Planning Commission seeks your input on future planning for recreation, housing, and economic development as they begin the Master Plan for 2026. Your participation in this survey, which takes only a few minutes, will contribute to shaping the Township's future for years to come.

Please note that this survey is intended to be completed by individuals, not just per household. Visit the Link below or scan the QR code to complete the survey electronically.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HayesTownship2025>

Paper copies can be obtained at Hayes Township Hall, Wilderness Valley, or Lake Arrowhead Office.

Return all paper surveys to Hayes Township Hall Dropbox by June 15th, 2025.



## Application for LAPOA Board of Directors 2025

In accordance with Article V, Section 6 of our Bylaws, the application for nomination to the Board of Directors has been made part of the March 2025 Newsletter. This year there are 5 (five) Board of Director positions available for three-year terms. Article VII, Section 13b of our Bylaws calls for meetings to be scheduled during the months of February, May, July, August, October and December. Special Board meetings may also be called when necessary. Some Board work is performed via email. Board members are required by our Bylaws to remain members in good standing during their terms and to attend at least 50% of the board meetings in-person each year. A member in good standing is defined as a Lake Arrowhead Property Owner who is current on all assessments and other obligations owed to the Lake Arrowhead Property Owners Association and/or the LAPOA Campground and whose membership privileges have not been otherwise cancelled or suspended. Determination of good standing is in the sole discretion of the LAPOA Board. You may nominate yourself or another member who is in good standing. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at our Annual Membership Meeting. For the nominee's name to appear on the Mail-in Ballot that appears in our June newsletter and on the ballot used at the Annual Membership Meeting, this application must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than May 1, 2025. You may drop your application in the LAPOA drop box located at the mailboxes, email it to [lpoaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:lpoaoffice@gmail.com) or mail to: Attn: Cyn Huyghe, Secretary, LAPOA, 7065 Arrowroot Trail, Gaylord, MI 49735.

## APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

NAME OF MEMBER BEING NOMINATED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

Briefly introduce the nominee and tell us why that nominee would be a good representative on the Board:

[illegible]


NAME OF MEMBER MAKING THE NOMINATION:

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER MAKING THE NOMINATION:

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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