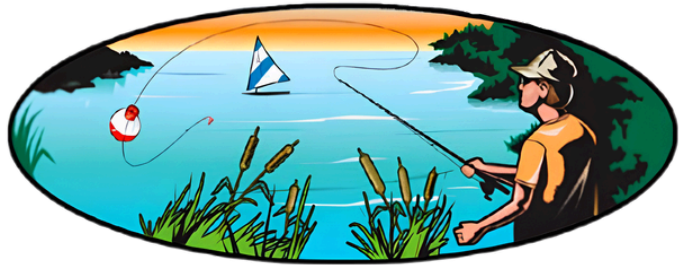


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A new beginning.... We would like to thank Dave and Edith Sommers who have put in countless hours creating our Hardwood Lake Newsletter for so many years. Change is inevitable and this year brings a new editor, Shelly Golden. It also will bring new distribution to those who would like to reduce the cost of printing and mailing. Many lake families have agreed to receive their newsletter through email. Please let us know if you are getting a mailed newsletter and would be happy to simply receive an emailed version. In the pages ahead, enjoy this “wrap-up of fall events” as well as a look into what is coming during the 2026 season on Hardwood Lake. Hope to see you at upcoming events this year!

Lake Quality, Treatment, Weed Control Updates - Dave Sommers

At the June 28, 2025 Lake Board Meeting and Public Hearing, a special assessment was authorized to continue lake treatment for the next five years. This assessment was included in the December tax bill. Treatment plans for 2026 will be similar to the past. Rick Buteyn, an Environmental Scientist with Progressive Companies, will determine exact treatments based on needs. Rick will survey the lake for invasive weeds and make a determination on how to treat based upon what he finds. He may also make the determination to delay treatment if necessary. Typically surveys and treatments are done before the three holidays and in late July, depending on lake conditions. Because algaecide kills only the algae it comes in contact with, and the State of Michigan has limitations on the amount of the lake and the number of times for treatment, treating the lake can be challenging. Our lake is rich in phosphorus, which encourages algae growth. At the June meeting it was agreed to treat about five acres of the lake for phosphorus, at the bay outside of the swamp area and into the Northeast corner. Initial treatments will occur in late May, and the second treatment in mid-late summer. Progressive will collect samples monthly, May-August which will include total phosphorus and soluble reactive phosphorus from the surface at two locations, one in the treatment area and one outside the treatment area. Small areas of Phragmites will also be treated as needed. Throughout the year if you see lake quality issues, please report them to David Sommers at davidsommers@charter.net or 989-751-8517. This will enable Dave to gather information from around the lake and give Rick a concise report.



Thanks to all the Hardwood Lake families and friends that came to the sandbar to close out the summer season for our “Gather at Sunset” event on Sunday, August 31st. This year had record attendance and the gathering created our first “Bridge of Boats” which we are sure will turn into a fall tradition, connecting families around the lake. It has been wonderful to see more and more families turn out for events that occur throughout the season!

Halloween Heatwave & Heartfelt Giving



Record breaking temperatures brought lots of families outdoors for our Halloween Hoot on Saturday, October 4th! We saw so many great themed costumes for all members of the family, including many of the doggos in our community. This is such a fun fall activity and continues to grow in number. The event also serves as a fundraiser for the “Fuller Center” in West Branch. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our lake families, we collected a truckload of donations, along with over \$250 raised through a 50/50 during the evening. A special shout-out to Paul Shanahan who provides the truck and makes the process easy for families to donate items.



Contest Highlights:

- **Family/Group Winners:** The Matthews Family took the top prize for costumes dressed as a professional Pit Crew, featuring little Logan in his adorable race car costume.
- **Spooky Decor:** The neighborhood looked fantastic, with a special mention to the Rikers for their creative and fun “Pumpkin Patch”! Each of the “Trick-or-Treaters” got to pick their own pumpkin and take it home to decorate!



While a great time was had, we deeply missed the Mawhorters and their famous haunted trail. Our hearts and prayers remain with them as they rebuild their lake home following a tragic fire Labor Day weekend. (Please see more on their story found on page 5)



UPCOMING "EASY FUN" EVENTS

MAY 2026



May 23rd 12:00 PM

Golf Cart Parade

Meet us at the East End of the Hardwood Heights Road at 11:55am. The parade will start at noon. Bring candy to throw out to the kids and spectators. We will travel down the road, along Henderson Lake Road, through the campground and back.

Note: Travel at your own risk

JUNE 2026



June 20th 9:00 AM

Hardwood Lake Property owners Association Meeting

Please join us to discuss upcoming events and concerns regarding the lake. This is a great chance to meet more neighbors! Meeting will be held at the Logan Township Hall 4507 M-55 , Prescott.



June 20th 2:00 PM

Biennial "June Jam" - Cornhole Tournament & Ice Cream

Join us for some friendly competition! Paul Shanahan is hosting. Congrats to Spencer & friend, visiting from Georgia, who won our first June Jam Cornhole Tournament in 2024!

More information will be posted on the Facebook page.



June 20th 7:00 PM

Kids Fishing Contest

Open to ages 17 and under. Watch the Facebook page for more details.

Hosted by Kevin Ohlrogge.



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July 4th • 10:00 AM

Kids Fun Run

This event keeps growing! With a record-high 56 kids participating last year, you don't want to miss this. Registration and fun begin at 9:00am at the Humm's cottage.

July 4th • 2:00 PM

Boat Parade

Decorate your boat and join us at the sandbar at 1:55pm! After the singing of our National Anthem, President **Kevin Ohlrogge** will lead the 3-mile loop around the lake. Let's make this year's parade even bigger than the last!

End of the Season Events

August 8 • 7:30 PM

Ice Cream Social

Meet us at the sandbar after dinner for a sweet treat on the lake. Come cool down and catch up with neighbors!

September 6 • 7:30 PM

Gather at Sunset

Come one-Come all, with your beverage of choice. The HLPOA is providing small gift bags for the kids. Let's continue to build a bridge of boats, and a community of families, as we close out another summer on the lake.

October 10 • 4:00 PM

Halloween Party

This event begins with "Trick-or-Treating at 4pm, then meeting at the Golden's for prizes & Fuller House donations, ending with a bonfire. More info coming on Facebook.



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Thank You from Dan & Amy Mawhorter



We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible community. Since the house fire we experienced on Labor Day, we have been surrounded by an overwhelming amount of kindness, generosity, and support. From donations and meals to blankets, helping with laundry, and even the thoughtful drawings and messages of encouragement—every single act has meant more to us than words can fully express. During one of the most difficult times in our lives, you all showed up for us in ways we will never forget. Because of you, we never felt alone. We felt lifted, supported, and truly cared for. We have never experienced such generosity or such a strong sense of community. It has been a powerful reminder of the good that exists in the world, and we are endlessly thankful to be part of this one. From the bottom of our hearts—thank you.

Fire Safety REMINDERS:

- Practice an Escape Plan.
- Be sure all family and guests are aware of an outside meeting place.
- Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms are functioning. Test them monthly and change batteries yearly.
- Learn more about fire prevention: www.usfa.fema.gov

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In Memory of John McMorris - by Michelle McMorris



John McMorris Jr., a man whose laughter was as hearty as his love for the great outdoors, passed away on January 13, 2026, at the age of 70. John's journey was one marked by joy, generosity, and the kind of humor that could light up even the cloudiest of Michigan days. After a fulfilling career at General Motors - Metal Fab, John didn't hang up his hat; he simply traded it for his beloved hunter's cap. He was in his element, whether at "Da Cabin" or his hunting property, affectionately dubbed "Tickville." His love for hunting was only paralleled by the joy he found in sharing his passion with others, especially his granddaughter Samantha, who became his favorite hunting buddy and playmate. Each encounter with John left you a little lighter and a lot happier, knowing you had just been in the presence of someone who truly understood the art of living. John will be greatly missed by all of us at the lake.

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Dues Notice

The 2026-2027 Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association dues of \$20 are due. The fiscal year for the lake association is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. In the past, the lake association has been instrumental in starting the lake weed control project, road dust control, along with supporting our Lake Picnic and all of the "Easy Fun" events that occur throughout the year to bring our community together. Visit our new website at www.hardwoodlake.org. Here you can find so much information about the lake, our newsletter in color, information about Homes of Hardwood Lake, and more.

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If you have questions for Sandra or any HLPOA Board Member, please submit it to: hardwoodlakehlpoa@gmail.com

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Upcoming events

2026

- Golf Cart Parade, May 23 - noon
- *Lake Association Meeting, June 20 - 9 am*
- June Jam, June 20 - 2 pm
- Kids Fishing Contest, June 20 - 7 pm
- Kids Fun Run, July 4 - Run at 10 am
- Boat Parade, July 4 - 2 pm
- Ice Cream Social, August 8 - 7:30 pm
- Gather at Sunset, September 6 - 7:30 pm
- Halloween Hoot, October 10 - 4:00 pm

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Visit our website at: www.hardwoodlake.org
for detailed Boater Safety Laws.

A few reminders:

- High speed boating hours 11 am - 7:30 pm
- All boats must travel in a counter-clockwise direction.
- Restrictions on ages 14-16 operating PWC.
- Watercraft must stay at least 100 feet from shore, docks, anchored boats, swimmers, etc. unless NO WAKE.
- Children under 6 must wear a lifevest at all times on a moving watercraft.

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