


DID YOU KNOW...? Tee lake has some of the highest quality water test results in the state. Our water quality is due, in large part, to two TLPOA projects: Project Air (a.k.a. Bubblers) & Project Muck. But what exactly are these projects...?

 **PROJECT AIR** is a system of aerators and compressors on the south arm of Tee Lake that reduce muck accumulation and weed growth. It has been in operation seasonally since the late '80s. This project benefits the ENTIRE lake, not just the shallows! Prior to Project Air, our waters were becoming overgrown with weeds and muck had begun to spread throughout the lake, negatively impacting fish habitat. Since Project Air's inception, we've seen vast improvement. This project, run by volunteer members, had historically been funded by suggested donations of \$60/membership. However, the State of Michigan is now requiring Permits and State-mandated water testing with specialized equipment - to the tune of \$19,500/5 years. This is in addition to the ongoing costs of repair, purchase and maintenance of new pumps, bubblers & the overall system, WE NEED YOUR HELP, NOW. We are asking each member to voluntarily contribute \$160/year to keep this project alive.



 **PROJECT MUCK** is a DNR approved, biological additive spread around the lake 2-3 times each season, and working in conjunction with Project Air, greatly reduces muck accumulations. This in turn supports the health and reproductive abilities of our fish and wildlife. This project has a suggested voluntary donation of \$50/member per year.

Donations for these projects are not required -- but we hope you will help us KEEP our lake clean! If you are unable to donate the suggested amount(s), please consider any amount you are comfortable with. A detailed breakdown of costs will be provided upon request.

Please keep in mind, that as more property owners, such as you, become a member of TLPOA, and support our critical water improvement projects, future suggested donations per member may come down over time.



MEMBERSHIP DUES & PROJECT DONATIONS should be mailed to:

**Tee Lake POA
PO Box 503
Lewiston, MI 49756**

When sending your funds, please indicate **how you would like them distributed** (for example: \$20 to membership, \$160 to project air, \$50 to project muck). We are exploring the viability of adding online payment options in the near future!



LAKE SAFETY REMINDERS...

1) Always travel in a COUNTER-CLOCKWISE direction, even in the no-wake zones & along the shoreline. 2) Stay away from/reduce to idle speed near a swimmer or downed skier/tuber/child who has fallen. Otherwise, your boat or wake could injure them. 3) When passing another watercraft, do so on the slower craft's LEFT side. Make sure they see you/know you are there. 4) Don't allow passengers to sit on the front ledge of moving pontoon boats. If they fall in the water, it can take only seconds for them to be pulled under the boat and into the propeller. 5) Be mindful of all other watercraft (kayaks/canoes/ paddle boards) and swimmers. 6) When traveling at higher speeds, maintain a 100 ft distance from all docks. 7) Don't use excessive speed. Our Lake is not as big as you may think. There are other, larger bodies of water nearby that are better suited for those wishing to "go all out."



TEE LAKE HAS DNR DESIGNATED "NO-WAKE" & "ALL SPORTS" AREAS...

Tee Lake's DNR Designated "No Wake" zones include the south arm & south bay and all narrow areas around the islands. **No wake zones require boaters to travel at idling speed, "the slowest speed they can travel while still maintaining the ability to steer and make forward progress."** The balance of Tee Lake is designated as "All Sports." Hours for high-speed boating/ towing/ skiing are restricted by the DNR to the hours of 10:00 am - 6:30 pm.



PROPOSED CHANGES TO HIGH-SPEED BOATING HOURS ... In 2019, a TLPOA member committee of three was established to determine whether a majority of property owners were interested in extending the high-speed boating hours. The pandemic delayed committee action, but they are preparing an informational document and ballot to be approved by the members. Once approved, this will be mailed to all Tee Lake property owners at your primary residence address. Please be sure our Board has your current mailing address! If the majority approves of the proposed extension of hours on Tee Lake, which is a public access inland lake, interested members of the TLPOA will meet with the necessary governmental agencies to pursue an official change. If the majority oppose the change in high-speed boating hours, the proposal will be dropped.

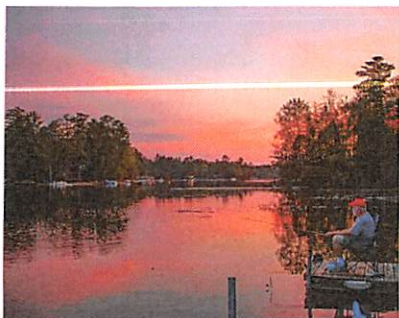


COMMUNICATION and SOCIAL MEDIA...

We plan to centralize where, when and how important information is communicated to our Members and Property owners. Our website, www.teelaketimes.com, will become the primary place for you to find important information about lake/property-related news. The website will be revamped and updated in the coming months. As a result, we'll be able to make timely updates as needed. Our Facebook page, Tee Lake POA, will remain a private group for members only to share stories, photos and discussions not officially presented by the TLPOA.



FISH STOCKING... Because our lake is a public lake, the DNR keeps Tee Lake on a fish stocking rotation at zero cost to property owners. A TLPOA committee has been formed to work with the DNR to better understand the timing, size and species to be stocked, and if TLPOA funds allow, to consider augmenting the DNR efforts. Member approval will be required before TLPOA funds are committed.



CONTACT US:



Do you have a question, idea to share, news we could all use? Please contact us! We'd love to hear from you!

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TLPOA MEMBER CONTACT

DIRECTORY We are offering interested members the option share contact information with each other in a private directory maintained by the TLPOA Board. The purpose is to enable members to reach one another when needed. ONLY those who opt-in by giving permission themselves will receive a copy. No personal information will be shared publicly & you may opt-out at any time. Our Membership Form, with directory options, will be posted at www.tee.laketimes.com in the near future.

Tee Lake Property Owners' Association



DEAR TEE LAKE PROPERTY OWNER:

The Tee Lake Property Owners' Association (TLPOA) is a non-profit, social organization of Tee Lake property owners that also initiate and maintain projects around the lake to keep the water clean, safe & fun for all.

The 2021-2022 TLPOA Board Members are:

President: Cyndi Titello

Vice President: John "JJ" Phillips

Treasurer: Dan Reinders

Secretary: Pam Nagel

Directors: Dave Graziano, Jim Schoening & Chris Vogt

All Board Positions are unpaid/voluntary.

You're Invited

BECOME A MEMBER! As a property owner, you have a stake in the wellbeing of Tee Lake.

As a TLPOA member, you are joining a caring group of neighbors who gather for social events, have an interest in maintaining the health of our lake and the wildlife that inhabit it, enjoy a variety of water sports, and vote on key issues that affect all property owners. **Updated Membership Forms** can be found at www.teelaketimes.com in the near future. **Annual Membership Dues*** are only \$20 and are due in January.



**Dues are used to defray the cost of social activities, member communication, website licensing, and other activities as voted on, and approved by, our members.*