

## Email Update to LMPOI Members

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Happy New Year to all of you who are Lake Mitchell property owners and members of Lake Mitchell Property Owners Incorporated (LMPOI). We on the LMPOI board thought that this would be a good time to provide you with a brief update on the work we have been doing on your behalf.

**Sewer issues:** The biggest news we have is that our former president, David Kuyers, has been appointed to the Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority (LMSA) board by Selma Township, effective on January 1, 2023. While we will certainly miss Dave's valuable contributions to our organization, we are very pleased that he will provide a property owner perspective in future LMSA discussions and actions. Addressing sewer system issues has been our number one concern over the past few years, and having Dave as part of the sewer system governance will strengthen LMSA which is good for us who pay the fees that LMSA charges.

This probably would not have happened without the petition that we sent and many of you (over 40%) signed in late 2021 asking Cherry Grove and Selma townships to appoint sewer system customers to the LMSA board. While it did not happen in 2022, it did happen in 2023. Thank you again for signing the petition.

**Membership renewal:** Your 2023 membership dues of \$50 are currently due. Please continue your support of our work by renewing and by asking your lake neighbors to join LMPOI if they are not already members. While our board members are not paid for their work, your membership dues are used to pay for mailings, legal expenses, information gathering and other out-of-pocket expenses we incur while representing your interests.

You can renew your membership online at the LMPOI website or by mailing your dues to: Gary Huyge, LMPOI Treasurer, 3977 Timberland Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

**2023 goals:** Our LMPOI goals for 2023 are:

- Help secure governmental funding to assist with necessary sewer system improvements.
- Recruit additional Lake Mitchell property owners to join the LMPOI.
- Hold an annual membership meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 10 am.
- Hold a first-time social event for property owners to meet each other informally on July 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. (More details to come later.)
- Encourage LMPOI members to attend LMSA board meetings to increase the oversight and transparency of LMSA decisions.

- Identify LMPOI members to run for Cherry Grove and Selma Township board positions.
- Conduct a LMPOI member survey to identify property owner interests and concerns.

**LMPOI board opening:** We presently have one opening on the board and are looking for an interested member to fill it. If you would like more information about the board and what we do, please see our website, or call or text Jackie Erway (231-357-3683), interim president, for more information.

**Other activities:** Here are a few other things we have been doing during the past year.

- Monitoring lake **water levels** (and questioning authorities when they are not within approved levels)
- Providing input to the Lake Mitchell Improvement Board (LMIB) on **weed control** efforts.
- Making inquiries with state officials regarding **fishing quality** in the lake.
- Communicating property owner concerns to the **Cadillac News**, Bridge Magazine, and the Cadillac Area **Chamber of Commerce**. We show them how a healthy Lake Mitchell helps keep Lake Cadillac and the Clam River healthy, and helps increase area tourism and the local economy.

**Stay informed:** There are several ways that you can stay informed about what we are doing on your behalf at any time convenient for you.

- Visit our private Facebook page. News gets posted here first. To join our Facebook group, please call or text Jackie Erway (231-357-3683). She will ask you some qualifying questions and vet your answers before admitting you to our group.
- Visit our website at “lakemitchellpo.com”. Here you will find information about the lake, board meeting minutes and our other activities.
- Visit “lakemitchell.org”. This is the Lake Mitchell Improvement Board (LMIB) website, and it contains detailed information about the lake, its history, weed control efforts, fishing, boating and many other lake-related topics.