

RAINBOW LAKES SPRING NEWSLETTER

April 2025

RLMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President - Bob Batis, Vice President – Duane Trefil, Secretary - Lisa Minns, Treasurer – Greg Brooks
Directors; John (Cory) MacLennan, Gil Barish, Fred Gibbs and Ed Settingington, Theron Shinew**

Regular Board Meetings are held on the 2nd WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH at the RLMC office at 7:00 PM. All property owners are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting.

RLMC Office Hours – April 1st - 30th Tues. 9am – 3pm; Wed. 12pm - 5pm

May 1st – Sept. 30th: Tues. & Thurs. 9am – 2pm; Wed. 1pm – 6pm

****PO Box is no longer in use.*** Send mail to; 4353 Rainbow Lake Rd., Perrinton, MI. 48871

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*Newsletter Editor
Alice Pearce*



*The Rainbow Lakes Maintenance Corporation would like to welcome the following **new** property owners to the Lakes;*

Caleb & Delaney Aungst

Nicholas Bishop

Autumn Cory

Paul and Vicki Horak

Anthony Hoffman & Lorri Jackson

Brittany Liggett

Jasper Litwiller

Evan Martin

Alan & Jenalee Mininger

Zachariah Powers

Sean & Josie Rotunno

Cortny Toomey

DRUM ROLL PLEASE!!

*The prestigious Rainbow Lake Volunteer of the Year 2024 award goes to none other than **Ron Jacobs!***

***Ron** has generously volunteered his time and skills to benefit our community. He has diligently mowed the lawn around the main office and dam spillway, efficiently moved boats in and out of the storage buildings and worked the burn pile—all with great dedication and commitment.*

*Let's not forget the amazing support from businesses like **Leo's Boat Shed** in Maple Rapids. Their generous donations have significantly contributed to the many wonderful causes here at Rainbow Lake. Next time you see **Ron** or visit **Leo's Boat Shed** for a bite and a drink, don't forget to give them a hearty Thank You!*

*From all of us here at the Lake, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Ron** and **Leo's Boat Shed** for their unwavering support. You make living here truly extra ordinary!*

From The Office -

*My name is **Loni Wright** and as of January 2025, I have accepted the position of RLMC Office Manager. My family and I have lived on the lake for the past 24 years and I'm looking forward to meeting more neighbors and new members.*

*There are **3 board positions opening this August**. If you'd like to be a part of the RLMC board, please stop in the office to pick up a nomination form or send an email to rainbowlakes2015@gmail.com and we'll be happy to send one to you. The positions are 3 years in length. Nomination forms are due back to the office by May 11th.*

For your information – In case you did not know!!

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Monday-Friday
8:30 am-11:30 am and 12:30 pm-4:00 pm



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Long Term Care Ombudsman

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*A Heartfelt thank you goes out to **Janice Butler** for her dedication and efforts to streamline, organize, manage and improve the work flow at the Rainbow Lakes Office – as well as managing the security team. She has embarked on a new career path and we wish her the very best.*

Paul Goerge – Maintenance

Just wanted to wish everyone a good summer this year. One of the projects we had last fall was five trees fell over on RLMC property during a big windstorm. I want to thank **Wayne Ritz, Ed Settingington, Rick Brady, Dan Sweet and Andrea Goerge** that helped me and **Bill Hester** with the cleanup. This involved cutting the trees up and hauling them away to the brush pile. I also want to thank Randy Hahn for the use of his dump trailer. A lot of work was done in a relatively short time with the great help of these volunteers. Thanks again to all the people who help to keep our lake looking great.

Have a great summer,
Paul

BURN PILE

After a fire incident was recognized (that could have been much worse), a new burn pile policy has been issued. Policy was developed in conjunction with the Maple Rapids and Perrinton fire departments. In summary, we will now have an active burn pile and a drop off pile. In the coming weeks, signs and visual aids will be posted where members may drop off their brush, twigs and small branches to be burned.

*We appreciate the efforts of **Ed Settingington, Theron Shinew, Roger Bates, Dave Redman, Steve Wuelfing, Dewey Weldon, Mike Braun and Russell Swanson** who worked tirelessly to clear and expand the burn pile area by cutting down trees, removing brush and grasses and developing a safer area for burning.*

Reminders:

- The burn pile is for LIGHT yard clean up. NO stumps, pallets, desks, cardboard or household trash.
- If you hire landscaping firms to clear or clean up your yard or lot, the landscapers should be responsible for their own disposal.
- If the burn pile is smoldering – DO NOT add to the pile unless a maintenance employee is tending the pile.

Please be considerate so we are able to continue this service.

Rainbow Lakes Burn Pile Policy

Established April 9, 2025

Purpose: The purpose of the policy is to establish guidelines for safe and controlled burning practices concerning the RLMC Burn Pile and to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal regulations.

Policy:

•Burn Permit Requirement:

- All burning activities on the property, regardless of size or type of material, must be authorized by a valid burn permit.
- Staff members are responsible for obtaining a burn permit from the appropriate local authority prior to any burning activity.
- The burn permit must be kept on-site or documented during the burning activity.

•Burn Area Preparation:

- **Designated Burn Area:** A designated burn area must be established, cleared of flammable materials, and surrounded by a firebreak of at least 50 feet.
- **Two (2) designated burn areas:** Creation of two “burn piles” would provide a single pile from getting too large, and prevent combustible materials from being placed on the last one burned to prevent hot spots re-igniting the new combustible materials.
- **Firebreak Area:** Grass should be planted in the firebreak area and mowed to keep it short.
 - **Water Source:** A reliable water source, such as an underground water line with a hose bib from the RLMC office, must be available within easy reach of the burn area for fire suppression.
- **Hose bib:** A hose bib should accommodate several hoses/sprinklers at the same time.
- **Drain:** A drain should be installed at the lowest point of the underground water line to prevent water accumulation in the underground water line and potential freezing during winter months.

•Burning Procedures:

- **Weather Conditions:** Burning activities should only be conducted under appropriate weather conditions, with low wind speeds and humidity levels.
- **Material Placement:** Combustible materials should be placed in the designated burn area in a controlled manner, avoiding oversized pile(s), and the possibility of re-igniting the new combustible materials
- **Signage:** Signs shall direct location as to where new combustible materials shall be off loaded by RLMC Members.
 - **Pre-Burn Inspection:** Before igniting combustible materials, the burn site must be carefully inspected to ensure the Firebreak area is not excessively dry, reducing the risk of fire spreading. If the Firebreak area or surrounding grass appears dry, sprinklers should be activated to moisten the grass, providing an extra layer of protection.

- **Supervision:** Staff members must supervise the burning activity and ensure that all combustible materials are completely extinguished of flames before leaving the area at the end of the day.
 - **Fire Extinguishment:** Adequate fire extinguishing equipment, such as shovels, rakes, and water, must be readily available.
 - **Post-Burn Inspection:** After combustible materials have been burned, the burn area should be inspected to ensure that all embers and hot spots will not reignite.
- Security Measures:**
- **Access Control:** A moveable cable barrier should be installed to restrict unauthorized access to the active burn area.
 - **Material Storage:** Combustible materials should be stored in a designated area, at least 50 feet away from the active burn area, to prevent accidental ignition.

Non-Compliance: Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension or termination.

Review and Updates: This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its continued effectiveness and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Note: It is essential to consult with local fire authorities to determine specific regulations and permit requirements in your area.

Boat Storage Information

Inside Boat Storage. . .

The dates for getting the watercraft removal from inside storage are May 3rd and May 17th. The buildings will be opened from 9AM to 1PM to pick up your boat.

Outside Storage. . .

All storage inside the fenced in area at the boat storage is **FREE!** All items need to have a tag with your name and phone number on it. Also, a signed slip needs to be filled out with the description of the item being stored. Tags and slips are available at the gated entrance or at the RLMC office. To get an item into the outside storage area, stop in for the key during office hours or contact a member of the boat committee. Only property owners, in good standing, will be allowed to store items. RLMC is not responsible for lost or damaged property stored on corporation property. Please obtain your own insurance.

On behalf of the RLMC Board:

I want to first say thank you to everyone that took the time to take the survey this past Fall, there was a high rate of response. Further, I would like to truly thank Marylynne Tice who worked tirelessly, mostly on her own time, to put all this together in a format we can read and understand all while she was rehabbing a new shoulder, this was greatly appreciated.

- There were 351 respondents of approximately 720 members, which is nearly a 50% response rate
- Over 750 Comments were made (763 to be exact)
- All comments as written, will be posted to the website for full transparency
- The survey results and comments will be posted to the website by the end of April.

We recognize the strong support for core services like water testing, maintenance, security, office staff, and an emergency fund, alongside a clear call for more transparency on all aspects of the day to day operations of the RLMC. We also noted the mixed (but mostly positive) input on discretionary items like emphasis on volunteerism, affordability and fairness.

Our next steps will focus on addressing these priorities responsibly and methodically over the ensuing months. You have our commitment that we will explore cost effective solutions, while looking at how we can do things differently with member-driven input and volunteerism to better enhance our community.

Cheers,

Bob Batis – RLMC Board President

Fish Committee

On May 7th we will be placing fish structures. If you're interested in helping out, please contact **Chris Snyder at 989-292-1999.**

The Fish Committee is interested in raising funds to install a handicapped accessible parking area/spots and fishing dock at Little Rainbow Lake. Please contact Chris to discuss further details and fundraising suggestions and opportunities.

RLMC Volunteers Needed:

We are calling on volunteers to lend a hand with various maintenance projects around the lake. Your help is crucial in keeping our community beautiful and well-maintained! Tasks will include:

- Repairing and painting RLMC common areas and beach signs.
- Cutting down trees and hauling brush around the burn pile area.
- Maintaining and beautifying flower and shrub areas around the lake.

Work Dates & Times:

- Saturday, April 19th: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 23rd: 6:00 PM – 9:00PM
- Saturday, May 3rd: 9:00 AM – 1:00PM
- Wednesday, May 7th: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

What to bring & Wear:

- Wear clothing suitable for hauling and stacking brush or painting.
- Tools will be provided, but bringing your own brush clippers or painting supplies would be greatly appreciated.

How to sign up:

- Visit the RLMC office add your name to the sign-up sheet.
- Alternatively, you can call the office at 989-682-4615 (leave a message) and Loni will sign you up for your preferred dates and tasks.

Questions? For more information, please reach out to Theron Shinew at 989-403-8863.

Thank you for helping us make a difference! Your time and effort are deeply appreciated. Let's come together and take pride in our lake community

Late Fees

During the March board meeting, a change to late fees for non-payment of dues was voted on and approved by the board. ***To update our bylaws with the new fee structure, the change will now need to be voted upon by members present at the May board meeting, held at its normal date and time of 7:00 pm, May 14, 2025. All members in good standing are eligible to vote during the meeting.***

Details of late fee structure:

Currently, the charges are 10% per annum – which equates to 10% of the annual dues fee – spread across a twelve-month period. So we charge \$1.46 per month. Our costs to send invoices (postage, stationary and time) are \$1.99, a deficit of \$.53. The update to be voted upon will be to make the late fee a monthly charge of 10% on the balance of the dues fees owed, and the late fee will be applied monthly on the new balance until paid in full.

Township News

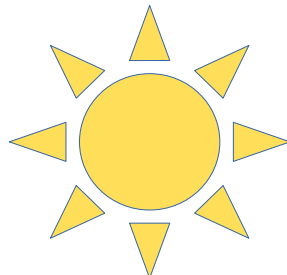
The township cleanup date is May 3rd from 10AM – 2PM. Flyer with details on what items are eligible, is available at the township hall, the RLMC office and on the RLMC Facebook page.

RLMC Security

The RLMC is looking for a volunteer security team manager for the summer season. Please contact Bob Batis if interested or call the office

Dates to mark on your calendar

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| April 15 th | We will start putting boards in the spillway at the dam (weather permitting). |
| May 3 rd | 1 st weekend for inside boat storage removal. |
| May 14 th | RLMC Board meeting – 7PM at the RLMC office. |
| May 17 th | 2 nd weekend for inside boat storage removal. |
| June 11 th | RLMC Board meeting – 7PM at the RLMC office. |
| June 12, 13 & 14 | Sub Garage Sale Be sure to identify your sale with a sign, balloons etc.,so all those shoppers can find your bargains. Please contact Addie Brown with any questions at;
addisonsomers13@gmail.com |
| July 5 th | Fireworks – rain date is July 6 th |
| July 9 th | RLMC Board Meeting 7pm |
| Aug 13 th | The Annual Rainbow Lakes Board Meeting (annual meeting of members) starts at 6PM ****
The August monthly meeting will being IMMEDIATELY following the conclusion of the annual meeting. |



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