

RAINBOW LAKES FALL NEWSLETTER

August 2025

RLMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS August 2025- July 2026

President – **Bob Batis**, Vice-President – **Duane Trefil**, Treasurer – **Greg Brooks**, Secretary – **Lisa Minns**, Director – **Chuck Zemla**, Director – **Theron Shinew**, Director – **Fred Gibbs**, Director – **Ed Settingington** and Director - **Mitch Munger**

Regular Board Meetings are held on the 2nd WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH at the RLMC office at 4353 Rainbow Lake Rd. All property owners are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting.

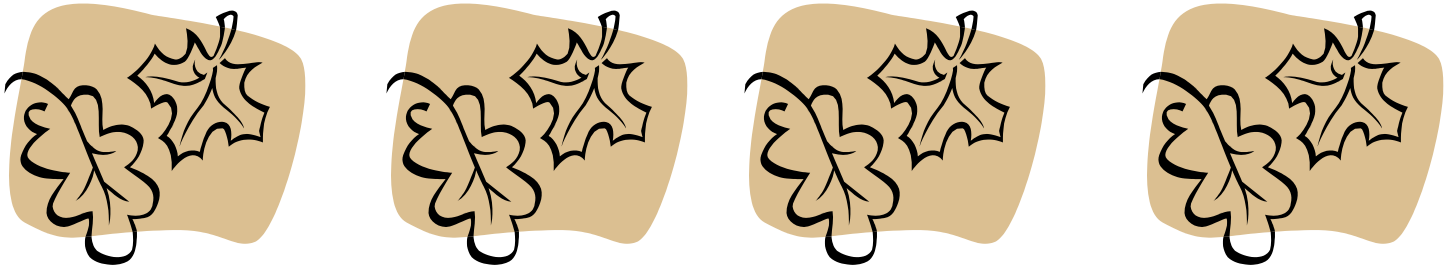
RLMC Office Hours – May 1st – Sept. 30th: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm: Wed. 1:00pm – 6:00 pm
October 1 – April 1st: Tuesday 9-3 and Wednesday 12-5 (or by appointment)

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

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The Annual Board Meeting was held on August 13, 2025 at the RLMC Office at 6:00pm.

President, Bob Batis gave his Year in Review report.

He then reported the following Board Members terms have expired;

Gil Barish, Cory MacLennan and Greg Brooks. *He then thanked them for their service and volunteerism to the community.*

*He then welcomed the following NEWLY elected Board Members; **Greg Brooks, Mitch Munger and Chuck Zemla.***

The Regular RLMC Board meeting began at 6:21pm.

The Board voted to keep the Officers the same for 2025/2026 – Greg Brooks will retain the Office of Treasurer and Mitch Munger and Chuck Zemla will be the new Directors.

Theron Shinew will now be in charge of the Maintenance, which relieves Vice President, Duane Trefil, of those duties.

The Rainbow Lakes Maintenance Corporation would like to welcome the following new property owners to the lake:

Lukas Anderson

Christian & Hannah Brunner

Karen & Glenn Ernst

Jason Gardiner

Ben & Marshe Harmon

Corey & Michele Leslie

Joshua & Lyndsey McVeigh

Terry & Jane Rouse

Collin Stahl

Addison & David Brown

Santiago & Lisa Cano

David & Nickie Esterline

Nicole Hansen

Jonathon Howell

Lisa Sutherland & Ron Long

Sal & Elena Palambo

Austin & Breu Smith

Jeffrey & Victoria White

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 10th Board Meeting – RLMC office 4353 Rainbow Lake Rd. – 7:00 pm

October. 8th Board Meeting – RLMC office 4353 Rainbow Lake Rd. - 7:00 pm

October 19th Welcome to the Lake Party – 4300 Gold Dust Pt. - 1:00pm

November 1st Begin lowering of the lake to winter elevation***

*** The stop log removal (the boards) will begin NO EARLIER than November 1st unless there is significant water overflow and it is unsafe to remove the stop logs. In such case, the water overflow will be assessed daily until it is determined to be safe and removing the stop logs can begin.

The Big Rainbow Lake Water Level Policy established October 9, 2024 in its entirety can be found on the website under About/Lake Governance, nearer the bottom of the page.

November 12th Board Meeting – RLMC office 4353 Rainbow Lake Rd. - 7:00 pm

December 10th Board Meeting – RLMC office 4353 Rainbow Lake Rd. - 7:00 pm

No meetings January and February of 2026

March 11th 2026 Board Meeting – RLMC office 4353 Rainbow Lake Rd. - 7:00pm

I would like to sincerely **THANK** the following “*Ladies of the Lake*” for all your help with the Newsletter: ***Nancy Jones, Linda Zank, Lois Brown, Beth Kuhn, Karen McDowell and Miss Ellie, Carol Collison, Martha Saxton, Claudia Merritt, Linda Shepard and Pam King.***

Alice

Notes from the Office

- ***NOW HIRING!*** *RLMC is now hiring security and maintenance personnel. These are part-time, paid positions with flexible hours. Please call the office if you are interested – we'd love to have you on the team! (989) 682-4615.*
- *Friendly reminder – please keep your pets at home when you visit our beaches. RLMC has a 'no dogs on the beach' policy.*
- *As of 8/20/25, we have 83 members who owe their membership dues and /or late fees. If you have yet to pay, please do so and we'll get your access cards mailed to you.*
- *Boat Storage – for indoor storage **PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF BOAT DROP OFF.** Storage is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please review the updated fee schedule and storage form dated May 2025 located on our website, and if you have any questions, feel free to call the office or contact a member of the boat committee.*
- *Lake Etiquette, General Boating and Wake Surfing Guidelines have been updated as of 7/3/25. The document is available on the website and copies are in the office as well.*
- *Winter office hours begin October 1st - Tuesday 9-3 and Wednesday 12-5 or by appointment.*
- ***SHOUT OUT*** *and thank you to **Kim Shinew, Mary Pasch, Brynleigh Wright and Ava Marsden** who helped with getting the invoices out and cards laminated. We appreciate your volunteer time.*

Loni Wright and Marylynn Tice

WELCOME TO THE LAKE PARTY!

***October 19th, 1:00pm
4300 Gold Dust Point***

Chuck and Melissa Zemla are hosting the Welcome to the Lake Party on Sunday, October 19th at 1:00 pm (Don't worry - the Lions play Monday night 😊 Please stop by, meet new neighbors and catch up with the old ones. Their house is located at the end of the cul-de-sac on Gold Dust Point

Report from Paul Goerge - Maintenance

Well it is that time of year to start thinking about getting ready for the fall and winter. I hope every one had a great summer.

Just to let you know that this will be my last article in the newsletter as your maintenance man. I have been doing this for about 17 years and it is time to let someone else take over. It has been a pleasure to work here on maintenance and I feel that I have helped in making some improvements over the years and hopefully the new maintenance person will have new ideas and help improve things more. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered in the past and realize that a lot of the things couldn't of happened without them. Thank You All!

I want to thank Bill Hester for his help again this year on maintenance. Without him some of the things probably wouldn't have gotten done. I could always count on him and his help was much appreciated.

I want to thank Bill H. and Terry Billings with their help putting the main dock and the swim buoys in this year.

This spring we had four volunteer work days, and I want to thank those that helped. The turnout was less than we expected, but the ones who helped where: Theron Shinew, Kim Weiber, Dave Crumbaugh, Stacy and Terry Billings. (Theron and Kim were at all of them). Work that was done included; washing and cleaning the pedestrian doors on the boat storage buildings, cleaning flower beds, and cutting trees around the burn pile area, (also Ed Setterington helped a lot with this), and other things. Thanks again.

Another thing we did this year was to clean, paint, and replace the bad signs around the lake. This work was done by Kim Weiber, Andrea Goerge, and myself. Also Kim is working on finish painting the fence at Sand Point Beach. Thank you Andrea and Kim and also Theron who helped figure out the signs that needed to be replaced.

Also I want to thank the people again that don't get mentioned here. You know who you are, you are the people that mow areas around the lake and road sides that we don't mow, you pick up debris out of the lake, on the roads, or by your places, you take care of the flower beds and have painted things around the lake in the past, and so on. Everything you do make this lake a better place which makes it better for everyone. Thank You.
Keep Rainbow Lakes Beautiful!

BRUSH AND COMPOST PILES:

We have areas by the RLMC office to take your brush and compost when you do your fall cleanup. Just follow the signs and put the debris on the designated piles. **New this year we have 2 burn spots at the brush pile area, Please put the brush where the signs designate. There is a sign at the brush pile stating what can be put on that pile. Please no big logs or stumps on the brush pile. Also do not put mulch or wood chips on that pile and please don't put any trash on either pile.**

Dates to Remember:

November 1st We will start taking boards out of the spillway. Winter level should be reached by November 15th (depending on the weather)

Boat Storage Committee:

The following committee members are:

Ron Jacobs (989) 233-9818, Bill Mitchell (517) 285-4348, Dave Redman (989) 292-0898, Wayne Ritz (517) 331-4270, Duane Trefil (517) 930-3051, Paul Goerge (989) 682-4809, and Steve Breen (616) 841-0536 (when calling Steve during the weekdays, call after 3:00 pm).

INSIDE BOAT STORAGE:

We put the boats in inside storage on a first come, first serve basis. We don't reserve spots. We do fill the barns so get your boats in early. **The prices on boat storage went up this year, so check the boat storage slip with the new prices. Also this season all the boats will be taken out the second Saturday in May (May 9th 2026) ALL BOATS WILL BE TAKEN OUT ON THIS DATE.**

We will be putting boats away on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. After September 21st, we will be putting them away more frequently. You can drop your boat off behind the office (building #5) anytime. You can get a storage slip from the office, website, or from the cabinet on the fence by the gate to the outside storage area.

YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A TAG ON YOUR BOAT WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON IT. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SLIP FILLED OUT AND PUT BACK IN THE CABINET. YOU CAN PUT YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO RLMC IN THE DROP BOX BY THE OFFICE. IF YOU ARE NEW AND ARE UNSURE WHAT TO DO, CONTACT ONE OF THE BOAT STORAGE COMMITTEE PEOPLE ON THE LIST.

All fees are due at time of storage. Payments in cash need to be taken to the office when the office is open. Only property owners in good standing will be allowed to store items in storage. RLMC is not responsible for lost or damaged property stored on corporation property. Please obtain your own insurance.

OUTSIDE BOAT STORAGE:

All outside storage at the boat storage area is FREE. All items stored outside, must be tagged with your name, phone number, and a slip filled out with the description of item stored. Items stored must have a current registration or license plate. ALSO THESE ITEMS MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF THE STORAGE AREA AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR! Tags and slips are available at the main gate entrance or at the office. To get an item into the outside storage area you need to contact one of the members on the boat storage committee (see list above), or stop at the office during office hours.

PONTOON TRAILERS:

Also as a reminder, the lake has two pontoon trailers available for use free of charge. Please use the lights and keep your travel to a radius of 25 miles. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN OUT THE TRAILER ON THE TRAILER LOG THAT IS IN THE CABINET ON THE FENCE. ALSO IF YOU NEED THE TRAILER OVER NIGHT, LET SOMEONE ON THE BOAT STORAGE COMMITTEE KNOW.

Paul George

2024-2025 RLMC Highlights **(August 2024 – August 2025)**

Bob Batis - Board President
(as presented at the Members Annual Meeting)

Thank you to the board for another successful year. It's truly humbling and an honor to serve with you all as we volunteer our time to this community. My gratitude also goes out to the many members who volunteer on our various committees, finally, thank you to every member who shows up at our monthly meetings and to those who donate their time to projects and cleanups that keep Rainbow Lakes looking its best. With a special thanks and shout out to Kim Wieber who continues to volunteer time to paint and improve areas around the lake. Onward to some of the highlights of our past calendar year:

- Our Annual Fireworks Show, was yet another outstanding display, with significant donations and contributions from both businesses and Rainbow Lakes residents
- Fourth of July Band, hosted by Theron and Kim Shinew
- Welcomed a new office manager in December; Loni Wright, thank you Loni for bringing your energy, attitude and diligence to this community, it has been greatly appreciated
- Thank you Marylynne Tice, who is now in her third year and has helped make Loni's transition a smooth one and continues to bring her organizational and professional skills to this community, we are grateful.
- In an effort to drive efficiency, we decoupled the security responsibility from the office manager and welcomed a new security manager Bill Hester, who is helping our security team, processes and procedure become more efficient and cost effective. We welcomed a few new team members as well.
- Compiled and shared a community wide survey and began prioritizing some of those results, another shout out to Marylynne for helping finish this tremendously large effort
- Verizon Cell Coverage

- New RLMC signs, around the Lake, thank you Theron
- New Burn Pile policy and set up, including new signage, Thank you Theron
- Successful fundraising events
 - Golf Outing, Thank you Rich Kingsley
- Welcomed numerous new people to the lake
- Updated late fee structure for annual dues
- Increased the annual dues after 18 years of no increases
- We continue to maintain an excellent partnership and relationship with Gratiot County Road Commission, Fulton Township Supervisor and Gratiot County Drain Commissioner and have a new relationship with the new Gratiot County 911 Office.
- Lastly, I would like to thank the security team under Bill's new leadership. They have direct contact with the majority of members and the most frequent contact with members as well. They are the people who monitor the cleanliness of our beaches, pick up the goose poop, keep the bath house tidy and stocked, check all incoming boats at the launch for current membership cards - which on a 3 day holiday weekend can be upwards of 125 launches!

In closing - There's always a lot to be accomplished here on Rainbow Lakes and as our lake communities continues to grow, it will continue to take these volunteers and people like them to help drive even greater things for this community.

Thank you!
Bob Batis

Fireworks Donations 2025

Thank You for your generosity!

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