

## **May 2026 Lakes Preservation League Newsletter: Next Meeting Wednesday May 6, 2026 @ 7pm at Rollin Township Hall**

### **Presidents Corner**

The Memorial Day weekend, which is the unofficial start to the summer season, is just a few weeks away. Before that holiday weekend arrives, every year in mid to late April, the LPL Adopt-A-Road volunteers are out walking the roads around the lakes picking up the trash that accumulated over winter. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that participated to help out with this years area spring cleaning.

The Lakes Preservation League is always looking for volunteers to help out with LPL activities. Right now we need a couple of volunteers to fill open board positions. We meet at 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday in the Months of February, April, May, June, August, October and November. The meetings usually last about an hour. There are no special qualifications needed to be a board member. You just have to attend the meetings and participate in discussions. To have a strong organization, we need to continue to have a strong board of directors as well. We need new blood and would appreciate any help.

### **LAKE VEGETATION SURVEY PRESENTATION**

At the upcoming LPL Meeting on **May 6, 2026 at 7pm at Rollin Township Hall** there will be a **live presentation of the recent vegetation survey**. Keiser & Associates will be detailing the information they put together from this in depth survey. As mentioned in the previous newsletter this is a third party review of our current vegetation that goes beyond methods required by state regulations. Please join us!

### **New Members**

We would like to welcome our newest members to the Lakes Preservation League:

Anthony Desch, Joergen Birman, and Leo & Virginia Oswald

### **Adopt-A-Road**

There were 16 bags plus miscellaneous items collected by volunteers during our spring pickup. We appreciate the time spent by concerned members taking time out of their schedule to help keep our areas clean.

### **Local Events**

Manitou Beach Village Spring Fling – Saturday May 9, 2026

Manitou Beach Farmers Market – May 23, 2026 through September 5 on Saturdays from 8:30am – 12:30pm

Grand Opening Manitou Beach Tasting Rooms – May 23-25 (Sat-Mon)

### **MiCorps AIS Detection Blitz**

The MiCorps AIS Detection Blitz is a statewide community science event aimed at identifying and documenting aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, or anything else you suspect may be invasive in Michigan’s lakes, rivers, and wetlands. Organized by the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps), this Blitz welcomes volunteers of all backgrounds, whether you're a seasoned naturalist or a first-time observer. Between June 29 and July 12, 2026, simply snap photos of potential invasive species and upload them to the MiCorps project on the free iNaturalist app

Visit the following site for more information: MiCorps

### **Preventing Invasive Species: It’s That time of Year!**

Review the proper way to clean your boat when moving in and out of different bodies of water to avoid spread of invasive species. Visit the following website for more detailed description of how to avoid contamination: NOAA-Decon-Watercraft.pdf



## Storm Recovery: Managing Storm Debris

When possible reuse and recycling are the preferred methods for taking care of storm debris. One example of this is creating a brush pile that many of Michigan's wild animals including birds and mammals can benefit from.

- Make a base layer out of the largest sticks by placing them parallel to each other aiming to get the next layer 4-5 inches off the ground
- Then begin to lay more branches perpendicular to the base layer
- Continue to alternate layers for a more sturdy structure
- Then add the smaller branches to fill in the pile



For more information on storm debris visit: [Storm Recovery: Managing Storm Debris](#)

We hope that you are getting your spring and summer off to an amazing start and that you enjoy getting back on the water. We continue to look forward to you participating in the LPL and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting on May 6, 2026 @ 7pm for the Keiser & Associates presentation on their vegetation survey!

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