



2025 Newsletter

LETTER FROM MLA PRESIDENT

Good Morning Maple Lake Association Members,

Maple Lake is a truly special place to live - from the peaceful sunrises to the stunning sunsets, there is much to appreciate each day.

Great News! We are requesting a renewal of our weed assessment with Paw Paw Township for another six years, continuing at the current rate. This renewal is essential to maintaining the health and beauty of our lake. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Don Welch**, our Weed Manager, for his outstanding work. Thanks to his dedication, Maple Lake is looking better than ever.

Important Reminders for the Season:

- Please always travel **counterclockwise** around the lake.
- Use **navigation lights** (red, green, and white) after sunset.
- **Docking lights** should be used **only when docking**.
- Make sure **life jackets** are in good, serviceable condition and **readily accessible**.
- Be mindful of **anchored or drifting boats and pontoons**. Stay at least **100 feet** away from other boats and kayakers unless you are at **no wake or idle speed**.

2025 MLA CALENDAR

Apr 17, 2025	Board Meeting 7 PM, Township Hall
May 15, 2025	Board Meeting 7 PM, Township Hall
Jun 19, 2025	Board Meeting 7 PM, Township Hall
Jun 21, 2025	Sandbar Tie Up, 6:30 PM
Jul 17, 2025	Board Meeting 7 PM, Township Hall
Jul 19, 2025	Sandbar Tie Up, 6:30 PM
Aug 2, 2025	Ladies of the Lake, 10 AM
Aug 21, 2025	Board Meeting 7 PM, Township Hall
Aug 23, 2025	Sandbar Tie Up, 6:30 PM
Sep 18, 2025	Board Meeting 7 PM, Township Hall Due to the closure of Maple Island, we will not be having our annual potluck this year.
Oct 16, 2025	Board Meeting 7 PM, Township Hall
Nov 20, 2025	Board Meeting 7 PM, Township Hall
Dec 7, 2025	Holiday Dinner Party, 5:30 PM at La Cantina
Dec 18, 2025	Board Meeting 7 PM, Township Hall

⚠ **Note:** If your **registration sticker is blue**, it **expired as of March 31, 2025**.

Our Web Manager, **Dona**, will be sending out this year's **schedule of events** soon, so stay tuned!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at **269-352-2534**.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer on Maple Lake!

Frank Walters
President, Maple Lake Association

INFORMATION FROM THE VILLAGE

The restrooms by the boat launch in Sunset Park will be open until dusk and the kayak/canoe launch is in operation. The restrooms on Maple Island have been vandalized once again and will remain closed until after the bridge has been replaced; the bridge gates will stay open until dusk. The Maple Island Bridge replacement will begin after July 4th. You can expect the island to be closed to pedestrian traffic during the replacement period which should be completed by the end of October.

Bids are being collected for the replacement of the Briggs Dam tubes. Sign up for the Village of Paw Paw email notifications to receive updates on these projects. The weed boat will not be launched this year unless there is a need.

The concert series, sponsored by the Village of Paw Paw Downtown District Authority, is a wonderful way to enjoy the summer evenings, with a variety of bands scheduled to perform every Sunday from July 6th. We will be sending out the concert schedule via email next month. The concert series not only provides entertainment but also enhances community engagement. The concerts are located at the Maple Lake Amphitheater from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The warm weather is here, and it is time to start thinking about summer: putting our boats and pontoons onto Maple Lake. Residents that know the lake well enough can safely go beyond the buoys to the amphitheater. The buoys are there to warn new boaters not to go beyond the buoys to avoid getting stuck in shallow water.

MAPLE LAKE CLEAN-UP

Mark your calendars! The Village of Paw Paw is organizing a Maple Lake Community Clean-Up on Saturday, August 9, 2025, with a rain date of Saturday, August 16, 2025. This promises to be a fun and rewarding event for all ages! Nets, donuts, and coffee will be provided for volunteers. We will send out additional information as we get closer to the date — stay tuned! Let's work together to keep Maple Lake beautiful!

WEED TREATMENT

Maple Lake Weed Control for 2025 will be performed by Aquatic Weed Control, the same company as last year (the same company for the past five years). The weed treatment will begin in the first week of June. We will be looking for areas with Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort which may need different herbicides. Maple Lake Association feels life is at Maple Lake and our ecosystem is much better because of our weed control efforts.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD

Thanks to the outstanding work of Don Welsh and his team, our weed treatment program continues to be highly effective and as a result, there is no need to change the assessment amount for the next 6 years. There is a Notice of Hearing scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2025, 6:00 PM at Paw Paw Township Hall located at 114 North Gremps Street, Paw Paw. This hearing is to consider the renewal of the current weed control assessment for another six years. After reviewing the success of the treatment efforts, the Maple Lake Association (MLA) has recommended that the assessment remain unchanged. This is great news for all property owners around the lake!

COLLECTING AND DISPOSING OF FLOATING LAKE DEBRIS

Thanks to everyone for helping keep our lake free from floating logs, pier planks, timbers, tree limbs, etc. These items may be deposited at the white lift located at the north end of the lake near the power plant.

WEED BOAT VOLUNTEERS



The weed boat has not been needed for the last few years, so it has been decided not to launch it this year and save wear and tear on the boat by leaving it in dry dock. We will keep a list of interested volunteers in case we need to launch the boat this season. If the boat is needed, we will train you. If you are interested, please contact **Doug** at **269-806-4208**.

LAKE BUOYS



The Maple Lake buoys are positioned on the south end of the lake to let boaters know there is shallow water beyond that point and to use caution when boating in

that area. You can access the Amphitheater and the south side of the lake by staying close to the east shoreline. For non-resident boaters, there is also a sign warning of shallow water posted at the boat ramp.

SHOW YOUR LAKE SUPPORT



Here It Comes Short sleeve season! We have T-shirts for adults and children, and baseball caps available this year. Prices are \$17-\$20. There are a few Polo shirts still available for \$25.

To get yours, call 269-345-4111.

LADIES OF THE LAKE BRUNCH



Our annual Ladies of the Lake brunch will be on **August 2, 2025, at 10am**.

This is a chance to meet new lake residents and catch up with old friends. Please bring a snack to share. The location of this year's event will be announced later in the year. If you have questions, please contact Dona McQueen at MLA@MapleLakePawPaw.com

Hope to see everyone there!

STAY INFORMED OF LAKE EVENTS AND ALERTS

Use the handy sign-up form on our website to stay informed about upcoming events and lake alerts. Follow the menu prompts to the Newsletter Signup section. **It is FREE!** If you see or know of something happening on/around the lake and want to share that information, email us at MLA@MapleLakePawPaw.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES & Donations

MLA is a nonprofit organization, and your membership dues and donations are tax deductible.

Dues: \$30/year ____

Dues + Donations: \$40 ____ \$50 ____ \$Other _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Lake Address: _____

Alternate Address: _____

If you would like to join the Maple Lake Association or renew your membership you may pay online at <https://maplelakepawpaw.com/membership.html> or by mail.

Make checks payable to Maple Lake Association.

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