

July 2016

Bear Lake Township Improvement Association

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BOARD MEMBERS

Jeff Davis, President

Paul Nelson, Vice-President

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Sam Rahaim, Corresponding Secretary

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Marian Navarro, Member

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55th Annual Meeting

*Saturday, August 6
Community Center*

9am: Coffee & Donuts

10am: Meeting

Speaker:

*Terry Bertrand, Co-Owner &
Landscape Designer,
Barker Creek Nursery*

BLTIA 2016-2017 INITIATIVES

1. Bear Lake Aid
 - a. Payment for Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program
 - b. Signage for loon family habitation.

2. Cub Lake Aid
 - a. Payment for Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program
 - b. Organized lake testing by the Au Sable Institute

3. Fire Department Support

4. Township Cleanup
 - a. Adopt-a-Highway
 - b. Adopt-a-Forest

5. Provide Communication
 - a. Newsletter
 - b. Resource Handout Card
 - c. Website

6. Township Support
 - a. Flowers



BEAR LAKE ASSISTANCE

Bear Lake is classified as oligotrophic (clear & healthy) due to at or near best ratings in transparency, phosphorus, & chlorophyll as recorded by the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. This program is funded by the BLTIA and is an important source for tracking the health of the lake.

The BLTIA funded signage for notification and warning of loon family habitation on the lake.

CUB LAKE ASSISTANCE

Volunteers personally monitor the health of Cub Lake by sending data to Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program which is supported by the BLTIA.

The Au Sable Institute visited Cub Lake this year with a team of students to perform a series of tests.

SUPPORTING OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The BLTIA donates cases of bottled water, Gatorade, trail mix, granola bars, pretzels and energy bars. Every year we give Bear's Lair pizza gift certificates and donate \$100 toward their chicken BBQ fundraiser. We also have helped fund emergency safety equipment, emergency traffic control signage and life saving devices.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP

The BLTIA volunteers to clean up trash along a two-mile stretch of M72 between Sunset Trail and Lake Valley Road. The first cleanup was July 23rd and the second is scheduled for October 1. We were awarded a 20-year continuous service certificate from the MDOT. We **welcome** volunteers! Please contact Paul Nelson at 231-258-4310 to participate.

ADOPT-A-FOREST CLEANUP

In partnership with Michigan's Adopt-A-Forest program, volunteers from the BLTIA continue to monitor state forestland in Bear Lake Township. Our efforts rank Bear Lake Township one of the top townships in Kalkaska County. We have not been cited for dumping for several years.

A LETTER FROM THE BOARD

We hope you can attend our 55th Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 6th at 10:00 A.M with coffee and donuts at 9 A.M. At the meeting, we will discuss our recent accomplishments and outline our upcoming initiatives. The board members of the BLTIA have been meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm since May to work on important objectives to ensure our township remains an enjoyable place to live and vacation.

We look forward to seeing you August 6th.

Our contact information is:

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ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

Your Bear Lake Township Improvement Association is a volunteer, non-profit organization formed 55 years ago. Our mission is to enhance the community through projects that cleanup, maintain and improve our beautiful lakes, pristine rivers, and expansive forests.

Our only financial assistance is your \$15 per year donation. We are only able to complete these projects through your support and volunteerism. Please consider this when donating and becoming involved. A Membership Form was mailed to you in your Summer Tax Notice. You may either mail your form and donation or bring them to the Annual Meeting on August 6th.

Thank you for your support!

