

## Our Bear Lake Township Community

Website: [www.bearlaketownship.org](http://www.bearlaketownship.org)

Email: [bearlaketownship@gmail.com](mailto:bearlaketownship@gmail.com)

Visit this website for more township information and to sign-up for automatic email updates.

### Helpful Emergency Resources:

Emergency:	911
Sheriff:	231-258-8686, Non-emergency 24-hour dispatch 231-258-3350
Fire:	231-258-5450 (non-emergency)
Burn Permit:	866-922-2876 or <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit">www.michigan.gov/burnpermit</a>
Poison Control:	1-800-222-1222
Animal Control:	For Domestic: 231-258-3309, For Wild: 231-775-9727 ext. 6032
DNR MI:	231-258-2711
DNR Launch Site:	989-348-7068

### Bear Lake Township Contact Information: 231-258-4871

Board meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4 pm in the Community Center.

### Bear Lake Township Annual Clean-up Day:

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of June. Check the website or contact the township office for information.

### Fire Department Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que

Saturday on Labor Day Weekend. Check the website or contact the township office for information.

### Reminders:

- **Septic:** Be Septic Smart! Pump your tank regularly & inspect it. [www.epa.gov/septicsmart](http://www.epa.gov/septicsmart).
- **Ordinances:** Township ordinances include the use of fireworks, excessive noise, and blight/nuisance. For more information go to the township website – [bearlaketownship.org](http://bearlaketownship.org) >>> *Boards* >>> *Township Board* >>> *Ordinances*
- **Recycling (See flyer below):**
  - DO RECYCLE paper, metal, aluminum, glass, cardboard, boxboard, all plastic, plastic bags, cereal bag liners, Styrofoam.
  - DO NOT RECYCLE batteries, chip bags, juice pouches, light bulbs, window glass.
  - Resources: GFL Environmental Phone: 231-258- 9030,  
3947 US-131, Kalkaska, MI 49646  
8 am – 5 pm M-F, closed Saturday & Sunday

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Visit: [www.bearlakeassoc.com](http://www.bearlakeassoc.com)

Email: [bearlakekalkaska@gmail.com](mailto:bearlakekalkaska@gmail.com)

### Tips for Maintaining Water Quality & Safe Recreation on Bear Lake:

Share these **Clean Water Guidelines** with visitors and renters

- Clean lake vegetation from boats, trailers and props before entering or leaving the lake to stop the spread of invasive aquatic species. Clean, Drain, Dry [stopaquatic hitchhikers.org](http://stopaquatic hitchhikers.org)
- Respect recreational boating hours:
  - **High Speed Boating Permitted Only from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
- State Law requires boat traffic to move in a counterclockwise direction.
- Use phosphorous free fertilizers and do not allow grass clippings into the lake.
- Please do not bathe or wash any animals in the lake and pick up animal droppings.
- Keep shorelines natural:
  - Native roots prevent erosion – please leave them at the shoreline
  - Fallen trees in the lake provide excellent fish, turtle and frog habitat
- Rake the shoreline in the spring and fall to remove leaves, sticks and debris.
- Pick up floating plants and trash you see in the lake or along the shore.
- No beach fires below the high-water mark.
- No fireworks on public property, boat launch or township road ends.
- DO NOT feed the geese/ducks. They are carriers linked to swimmer's itch. Install a string fence on your shoreline when away.
- Be aware of loons while boating and maintain a safe distance.

## Bear Lake Township Improvement Association

Email: [bearlaketwpimprovementassoc@gmail.com](mailto:bearlaketwpimprovementassoc@gmail.com)

Board meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.  
May – September at the Bear Lake Township Community Center.  
The annual meeting is the first Saturday in August. All welcome.

- Your Bear Lake Township Improvement Association is a volunteer, non-profit organization formed 64 years ago. Our mission is to support the community through projects that promote the health and well-being of our residents, lakes, rivers and 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.

## Our Cub Lake Community

### Tips for Maintaining Water Quality & Safe Recreation on Cub Lake:

Please share these **Clean Water Guidelines** with visitors & renters

- **Water Skiing and High-Speed Boating is prohibited on Cub Lake!**
- State Law requires boat traffic to move in a counterclockwise direction.
- Natural shorelines are best for Cub Lake
  - Native roots prevent erosion – please leave them at the shoreline
  - Fallen trees in the lake provide excellent fish, turtle and frog habitat
- Clean lake vegetation from boats, trailers, and props before entering or leaving the lake to stop the spread of invasive aquatic species. Do not dump bait into the lake.
- Limit fertilizers – Only use phosphorous-free. No grass clippings in the lake.
- Do not bathe yourself or animals in the lake. Please pick up animal droppings.
- Rake the shoreline in the spring and fall to remove leaves, sticks and debris.
- Pick up trash you see in the lake or along the shore.
- No beach fires below the high-water mark.
- No fireworks on public property, boat launch or township road ends.
- Be aware of loons while boating and maintain a safe distance.
- Support and participate in Cub Lake septic system testing.
- **DO NOT** feed the geese or ducks. They are carriers linked to swimmer's itch.
  - Install a string fence on your shoreline to deter water foul on the property.

### Annual Cub Lake Property Owners Association Meeting:

Last Saturday in June at 10 am at the Bear Lake Township Community Center

