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## **LAKE LEELANAU LAKE ASSOCIATION – June 2020 ebulletin**

### **What's in This Issue**

This month's issue focuses on the seasonal topic of Swimmer's Itch and the activities underway in our program to aggressively fight the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Lake Leelanau. There's also news about our annual meeting and a brief description of some changes to our membership dues structure. We hope you find this eBulletin timely and informative and welcome all and any feedback. If you have any comments, please send them to [info@lakeleelanau.org](mailto:info@lakeleelanau.org)

### **Fighting Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) – See Us in Action**

The picture in the header of this month's ebulletin shows our contractor spreading a specialized blanket known as a “benthic barrier” over one of the EWM beds discovered last year in South Lake Leelanau. Look out for their crew in action just south of the Narrows if you go boating during the next couple of weeks. Thanks to generous donors like you, we're able to fund these containment efforts before the extended hours of summer sunlight spur seasonal growth of this destructive aquatic vegetation. For more details of the methods being used by the Association to combat EWM, read pages 4-5 of our [Spring Newsletter](#).

## **Tell Us if You Get Swimmer's Itch**

Lake temperatures are on the rise and swimming has already begun. On our website you'll find resources to help you avoid Swimmer's Itch and report any cases which do occur. [Click here](#) to read our Lake Biologist's "Smart Swimming" recommendations to avoid Swimmer's Itch. If anyone in your family does get Swimmers Itch, please take a few minutes to [report the details here](#), which provides valuable data for our continuing research into Swimmer's Itch causes and prevention.

## **Save The Date – Thursday, July 23 Virtual Annual Meeting 5.30-6.15pm**

In deference to the social restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Association's annual meeting this year will be held via Zoom, instead of in-person. An invitation with the Zoom meeting link will be emailed to members at the beginning of July. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear live presentations by Tom Hiatt, Association President, Kathy Birney, Association Vice-President and Treasurer, as well as by Brian Price, who will give an audio-visual update on our programs to combat Eurasian Water Milfoil and Swimmer's Itch which is sure to be highly informative.

## **Membership Dues – More Choices Now**

In our continuing effort to facilitate membership among Lake Leelanau's many riparians and supporters, we've updated our membership dues structure by adding new contribution amounts and retiring the labels. The new dues structure consists of:

\$25   \$50   \$100   \$250   \$500   \$1,000

You may also contribute a custom amount instead.

A businesses membership level is available for businesses wishing to support our Association. The suggested contribution amount is between \$100 and \$1,000.

[Click here](#) for more details, or to renew or become a member.

## Help Your Friends and Neighbors Stay Informed

Do you have friends or neighbors who care about the quality and beauty of Lake Leelanau but don't receive our ebulletins or Newsletters? If so, please forward this ebulletin to them and all they have to do is reply with their name to [info@lakeleelanau.org](mailto:info@lakeleelanau.org). We'll take care of adding them to our mailing list for future issues.

*Lake Leelanau Lake Association is a non-profit organization led by and for individuals, families and businesses who support its mission to protect and enhance the quality and beauty of Lake Leelanau and its surrounding watershed for current and future generations. **If you would like to make a donation to support our programs**, you can do so [here on our website](#). **If you would like to help our programs as a volunteer**, send a message to [info@lakeleelanau.org](mailto:info@lakeleelanau.org)*