

Board of Directors

Mike Burwell, Chairman  
Joe Bohez  
Dean Hare  
Harley Higgins  
David Moody  
Nick Zajac  
Jeff Laz, Alternate



Officers

Jay Knight, President  
Bobbie Sue Young, Vice President  
Cathy Schroeder, Secretary  
Jo Anne Clark, Treasurer

## ELECTION 2021 NEWSLETTER

**Enclosed please find your 2021 Bayside Beach Association Election Ballot(s) and a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your ballot(s).**

Your association officer positions are elected annually. Please indicate your approval/choice of person for each office.

The Bayside Beach Association Board of Directors consists of six members and one alternate. Three (3) board members are elected each year for two-year terms. Please vote for no more than three (3) members for the board of directors. All terms begin October 1, 2021.

Using the enclosed envelope, **return your ballot(s) by the deadline date of Fri, September 3, 2021.** The envelopes will be opened, and ballots counted at the following Bayside Beach Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Please contact an officer or board member if you would like to attend the counting of the ballots.

### **Bayside Beach Association Board Candidates**

**There are 8 candidates running for board positions. Their bios are on this page and continue on the next page (on the back of this page).**

**Dean Hare** – Dean moved to West Bloomfield in 1974 residing on Colony Drive and Middle Straits Lake at that time. He graduated from Walled Lake Central High School in 1976, after which he moved away for several years. Dean moved into his present home in 1994, joining Bayside Beach that same year. For the first few years of membership, Dean served his work hours at the beach by doing weekly beach clean-ups. For several years, he served as the dock chairman, prior to Allen Oblak. Most recently, for the past 7 years, Dean has served as the beach association's work assessment chairman, a position requiring a major time commitment and much organization. He works with beach members to encourage them to sign up and complete their beach work hours. For the past 5 years, Dean has also served as a board member. Also, as a board member, Dean's goal is to assist the board with making our beach association move forward on improvements.

**Diane Lawrence** - Diane moved to West Bloomfield and has been a member of the Bayside Beach Association for 30 years. She is a recent retiree after 40 years in the District Court system as Civil Clerk to the Judge. For 12 years during her career with the court, Diane also served as union president. This union position helped her develop skills in negotiations and conflict resolution. Diane's contributions to our association over the years include: working at the beach on opening day to prepare the beach for the summer, performing beach clean ups, and helping to organize/assist with the beach's annual 4th of July party. Diane hopes to assist the board and the association in maintaining the beach as a pleasing, friendly venue for families and friends.

**Jeff Laz** – Jeff has been a Bayside Beach Association member since 2010 with his wife Jennifer and their children (Allison age 11, Jonathon age 10, and Nolan age 7). They love Bayside Beach so much that they sold their previous home on Borland Street, only to move into a newly built home one street west in the same subdivision! The Laz family spends a lot of time at the beach and on the lake, especially enjoying boating. Jeff served as board alternate from 2015 – 2016 and again this year. In past years, he has participated in opening day, party planning, day dock pole installation, gate improvement projects, and beach clean-ups. As one of the younger board members, Jeff has brought and hopes to continue to bring fresh ideas to the beach. Jeff works for Ford Motor Company in purchasing.

**Nina LeBioda** – Nina moved to West Bloomfield and also joined the beach association in 2016. As a relatively new member in our association, she has regularly attended general membership meetings, has dutifully performed her required work hours at beach openings and closings. Nina voluntarily cleans without credit the docks and swim rafts. This is Nina's first time stepping into the ring to run for a board position. She enjoys spending time at Bayside Beach with her grandchildren. (She has 2 granddaughters and has 1 grandchild on the way!) Nina works as an engineering support person for Stellantis.

**Adam Schepp** – Adam and his wife moved to Michigan in 2013 after growing up in Indiana. Automotive engineering brought him to the area, while interior design brought Holly, his high school sweetheart, here. In 2015, they moved into the neighborhood and immediately fell in love with the neighbors who quickly became a part of their family, as Adam and Holly started raising their son. The Shepps enjoy(ed) life in the Bayside Beach area so much that they recently moved into their second home located in the community. (One can identify which house is theirs by the Legos on the mailbox.) Adam and his family enjoy spending their time at the beach, as often as possible, and have made it a priority to get engaged in the beach association. Adam shared, "Alone, I won't be a better board member than anyone else, but with membership input, we can continue to fortify this association into the pillar of the neighborhood we all want it to be."

**NOTE: Seven (7) people are running for board positions. Five (5) candidates' bios are on this page with the remaining 2 candidates' bios on the next page (on the back of this page).**

## **Bayside Beach Association Board Candidates – Continued from page 1**

**Bill Southorn** – Bill moved into the Bayside Beach community and joined the beach association in 1971. He served as president of the association. Over the years, Bill has regularly attended general membership meetings and has dutifully performed his required work hours every year. You may have seen Bill at the beach as he frequently drives his blue gas-driven cart to the beach with his faithful pooch, Buddy. He enjoys all-season fishing in Upper Straits Lake. One of his goals in running for a board position is to work to encourage more association members to attend meetings and to get more involved in various beach activities, events, and initiatives. He is currently retired from Michigan Consolidated Gas Company after 40 years of employment.

**Nick Zajac** – Nick joined the Bayside Beach Association in 1983. He has served numerous terms as a board member and has been involved in various projects at the beach, such as dock installation, fireworks, and power-washing the pavilion area. Nick frequently oversees many of the major repair projects that are done each year at our beach. Most recently, Nick has worked with West Bloomfield Township Wetlands board members to make sure the beach association meets the environmental requirements the township board had established for the boat ramp project and the bathroom concrete project. Nick has also met with various contractors who have provided bids and who have done the actual work on the above-mentioned projects. Nick appreciates the many ways our beach has improved over the years and would like to see this progress continue. He is married to Louise.

## **Bayside Beach Association Officer Candidates**

### **PRESIDENT:**

**Jay Knight (incumbent)** – Jay has been president of the Bayside Beach Association for 21 years. With this lengthy experience of leadership, he has proven he listens to members' concerns and he follows through effectively with addressing the matters at hand. Jay moved to West Bloomfield in 1976, joining the association in 1987. He became more actively involved in association matters in 1990 when he took over the position of dock chairman. After 5 years, Jay was elected to the association board of directors where he served from 1996 through 1999. The following year (2000), he began the leadership position of president. Of note: When Jay decided to move from his first home in the Bayside Beach community, he moved into yet another home in the community enabling him to continue to enjoy our beautiful beach.

**David Moody** – Dave has been a member of Bayside Beach since 1985. He has served on the board of directors for over 16 years. Dave continually works to help oversee, improve, and repair our beach property. He spearheaded the building of our beach property's storage facility and voluntarily communicates with contractors to ensure proper maintenance and improvement of the beach. Dave enjoys spending time at the beach and on the lake with his adult son Emmett and Emmett's family.

### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

**Allen Oblak** – Allen had lived in the Bayside Beach neighborhood his entire life and, in 1996 he even purchased his own home in the same community, becoming a member himself at that time. He has been the dock chairman for over 18 years and was instrumental in purchasing the current floating dock system. Allen's wife, Heather, started the Easter egg hunt that is still an annual event to this day. Allen would like to see our beach be clean and enjoyable for all members and he hopes to help the association move forward on improvements and upcoming projects for all of us and our children to enjoy.

**Bobbie Sue Young (incumbent)** – Bobbie Sue and her family (Chris, Tyler-15, Torrie-8) moved to the area in the winter of 2012. Anyone who knows Bobbie Sue knows that she is always willing to step up and take on any task no matter the challenge and regardless of what she has going on in her personal/professional life. Bobbie Sue has spearheaded many events at Bayside through the years such as; the 4th of July Party (2013-present), Halloween Party, Back to School Pig Roast, Easter egg hunts and Father's Day Breakfast. She has also implemented many new ideas such as the Free Little Library, the sand toy box, online work hours sign up and beach beautification such as the flower pots. The beach is an important part of Bobbie Sue's and her family's summers and she looks forward to continuous improvements. If re-elected her focus in the 2022 season is to make playground and swim area improvements. She will be focused on building relationships with incoming families to help them get involved at the beach. She will also work to create streamlined processes for large projects/events so that members can easily carry out these tasks. A quote from Bobbie Sue – "I am so honored to be a part of Bayside. As we all know, there is no place like it! It is so important to me that we continue to care for the beach and make it a place where memories are built to last a lifetime"

**SECRETARY: Cathy Schroeder (incumbent, running unopposed)**

**TREASURER: Jo Anne Clark (incumbent, running unopposed)**

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. BEACH CLOSING DATE** – Beach closing is scheduled For Saturday September 25 starting at 9AM. Any member who has signed up for preparing the beach for the winter should plan on attending.

**2. STAY CONNECTED** – There are several ways to stay up to date on beach news:  
WEBSITE: [www.baysidebeach.com](http://www.baysidebeach.com)  
FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/BaysideBeach](http://www.facebook.com/BaysideBeach)  
EMAIL: [board@baysidebeach.com](mailto:board@baysidebeach.com) OR  
[BaysideBeachInfo@gmail.com](mailto:BaysideBeachInfo@gmail.com)

**3. AUGMENTATION WELL UPDATE** – Test drilling for a good location for an augmentation well to help regulate our lake level is completed. The well will be located at the east end of Upper Straits Lake and will be operational by the start of spring 2022.

## **WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION**

If you have not yet registered your watercraft with the beach association, contact Jeff Parko, our mooring chairperson at 248.363.2235 to procure the watercraft registration form. Liza Jerzy and Jo Anne Clark also have application forms. Once this form is submitted, you will receive your registration sticker.

### **WORK HOURS**

Per one of Bayside Beach's rules, each membership must serve a minimum of six (6) work hours per year. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a financial assessment equal to one year's dues, presently \$300. Letters will be sent to those members who have not yet served their 2021 work hours later this year.

**Be sure to report any work hours that you have performed to Dean.** To contact Dean Hare, either call him at 249.363.6198 or e-mail him at [hared152@comcast.net](mailto:hared152@comcast.net)