

Board of Directors

Mike Burwell, Chairman
Joe Bohez
Dean Hare
Harley Higgins
Diane Lawrence
Nick Zajac
Adam Shepp, Alternate



Officers

Jay Knight, President
Allen Oblak, Vice President
Cathy Schroeder, Secretary
Jo Anne Clark, Treasurer

ELECTION 2022 NEWSLETTER

Enclosed please find your 2022 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, 2022.

Using the enclosed envelope, **return your ballot(s) by the deadline date of Fri, September 2, 2022.** The envelopes will be opened, and ballots counted at the following Bayside Beach Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Please contact an officer or board member if you would like to attend the counting of the ballots.

Bayside Beach Association Board Candidates

Joe Bohez – Joe has lived in West Bloomfield for 31 years, 24 of those years as a member of the Bayside Beach Association. He has previously served on the Bayside Beach Board of Directors for many years, including this year. He regularly contributes to making the beach a pleasurable place to enjoy summer events, especially through his efforts to assist in event set-up (and in food service in the years before COVID-19). Joe is a friendly face to everyone at our beach.

Mike Burwell – Mike has been a Bayside Beach Association member since 1988, has served and is serving as our Board Chairman for a total of 27 years, and has used his expertise as an attorney to represent our association in various legal situations (with West Bloomfield Township, Twin Beach Golf and Country Club, Oakland County Road Commission). These situations include working on: the original Colony Drive paving and road abandonment project, swim area re-sanding, parking lot paving projects, the boat storage ordinance petition, our legal action against Twin Beach Golf and Country Club, and our past and present boat ramp repair/replacement projects. Mike also represents our Association as a member on the Upper Straits Clean Lake Association. His service to Bayside Beach has been and is invaluable!

Harley Higgins - Harley has lived in West Bloomfield for most of his life. His parents were members of the Bayside Beach Association starting in 1969! Harley has been a beach association member in good standing since 1978. In the past, he has served as Association president and, for many years he has served as a board member. Harley's contributions to the beach have seen it been improved remarkably. These contributions include: maintaining and repairing the restrooms, proposing pontoon boat mooring on the north shore that passed a membership vote, facilitating fence and gate repairs, facilitating replacement of the beach asphalt path with concrete, and serving as a liaison between the Association and Steve Cumbo who arranges our annual fireworks display on Upper Straits Lake. Harley regularly assists in maintenance of our beach.

Chuck Safilian – Chuck is a relatively new member of the Bayside Beach Association, having moved next door to the south parking lot in October 2014. He and his family (including his wife Cindy, our party application chairperson, and his 2 adult children) have lived in West Bloomfield for 22 years. Chuck is the bass player in several bands, including the former Eddie and the Hipbreakers (now the Breakers), that have performed in past Music on the Lake events. Chuck's most recent career has been with FCA (Fiat Chrysler) and prior to this with GM, as a mechanical engineer. He extends his mechanical skills at home with many renovation projects to his home (the former orange house on Borland Street), his mini-bikes, and his classic Corvette. (He has repaired our south parking lot fencing whenever someone has happened to slide into it in the winter.) Cindy and Chuck keep watchful eyes on our beach, helping to keep our beach safe and beautiful. Chuck looks forward to helping to improve the beach by serving on our association board.

Adam Shepp – Adam served as our 2022 board alternate. He helped organize this year's Father's day breakfast. 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."

Bayside Beach Association Officer Candidates

PRESIDENT:

Jay Knight (incumbent, running unopposed)

VICE PRESIDENT:

Allen Oblak (incumbent, running unopposed)

SECRETARY:

Cathy Schroeder (incumbent, running unopposed)

TREASURER:

Jo Anne Clark (incumbent, running unopposed)

WARNING.....

During the July 19, 2022 General Membership meeting, it was brought to the board's attention that **non-members of our West Bloomfield community are depending on members' complacency** when it comes to locking the beach property gates. These non-members use our beach facility but avoid paying dues and performing work hours. **PLEASE LOCK THE BEACH PROPERTY GATES AT ALL TIMES! PROTECT OUR RESOURCES.**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Kids' Fishing Contest: The USCLA is sponsoring a kids' fishing contest scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 8AM – Noon. The contest will take place at Bayside Beach. Registration is on the day of the event and costs \$1.

2. Beach Closing Date

Beach closing is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 starting at 9AM.

3. STAY CONNECTED!

WEBSITE: www.baysidebeach.com (Check out the **FAQ link on the website.**)

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/BaysideBeach

EMAIL: board@baysidebeach.com OR
BaysideBeachinfo@gmail.com



WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION

To keep our beach safe and more organized, the board approved and implemented a watercraft registration procedure. **The board recently decided to limit this registration effort to non-motorized watercraft only. Our new contact person** for watercraft registration is Jo Anne Clark.

1. Contact Jo Anne at 248.363.5564 to procure the watercraft registration form. Fill out the form and return it to her. Soon, an updated version of the form will be added to the FAQ section of our beach website.
2. Once you have registered each of your non-motorized watercraft, you will receive (a) Bayside Beach watercraft registration sticker(s) that must be placed on each one of your non-motorized watercraft. (Ex: kayak, paddle board, paddle boat, rowboat)
3. Watercraft kept at the beach without registration stickers will be moved.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Our board members, officers and committee chairpeople dedicate themselves to providing their services to the beach year-round. We would also like to thank the following people for their service. **Thanks to everyone!**

Bathroom/Plumbing/Maintenance: Harley Higgins, Dean Hare

Dock Intallation/Maintenance: Allen Oblak

Easter Egg Hunt: Beth Middleton

Father's Day Breakfast: Diane Lawrence, Adam Shepp

July 4th Party: Rachel Khan

Kayak Registration: Jo Anne Clark

Locks/Gates: Harley Higgins

Membership Chairperson: Liza Jerzy

Mooring Chairman: Jeff Parko

Music on the Lake: Joe Bohez, Chris Connelly, Ed Cann, and Marty Sause

Party Applications: Cindy Safilian

Swim Area: Tom Borkus

Work Assessment/Maintenance: Dean Hare

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.

As in the past, when a member does not perform assigned work hours, he/she will be asked to come before the board in order to provide an explanation. Letters will be sent to those members who have not served their 2022 work hours.

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