

Board of Directors

Mike Burwell, Chairman  
Joe Bohez  
Harley Higgins  
Rachel Khan  
Emmett Moody  
Nick Zajac  
Diane Lawrence, Alternate



Officers

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

## ELECTION 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Enclosed please find your 2024 Bayside Beach Association Election Ballot(s) and a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your ballot(s). NOTE: Renters do not have voting privileges.**

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, 2024.

Using the enclosed envelope, **return your ballot(s) by the deadline date of Tuesday, September 3, 2024.** The envelopes will be opened, and ballots counted at the following Bayside Beach Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Please contact an officer or board member if you would like to attend the counting of the ballots.

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

**These are the candidates running for board positions. Their bios are in alphabetical order.**

**Joe Bohez** – Joe has lived in West Bloomfield for 33 years, 26 of those years as a member of the Bayside Beach Association. He has served as a beach board member for several years, including this past year. Joe regularly contributes to making the beach a pleasurable place to enjoy summer events, especially through his efforts to assist in event set-ups, and food preparation at Music on the Lake (as well as other events). Joe is a friendly representative of the board and is welcoming to all members of the association.

**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 29 years, and has used his expertise as an attorney to represent our Association in various legal situations (with West Bloomfield Twp., 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 pavement projects, the boat storage ordinance petition, our legal action against Twin Beach Golf and Country Club, and our past 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, has served as a board member. Harley's contributions to the beach have resulted in the beach's remarkable improvement. These contributions include: maintaining and repairing the restrooms, proposing pontoon boat mooring on the north shore that passed a membership vote, facilitating fence/gate/lock repairs, facilitating the replacement of the beach asphalt path with concrete, procuring contractor quotes for various repair/improvement projects, and serving as a liaison between the Association and the representative responsible for arranging our annual fireworks display on Upper Straits Lake. Harley is always willing to assist with any necessary repairs at the beach.

**Adam Shepp** – 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, in 2021, they moved into their second home located in the community. In 2023, Adam and Holly welcomed the arrival of their baby girl. Adam served on the Bayside Beach board as alternate in 2022 and 2023. In 2023, Adam developed the 2023 membership survey, and later analyzed the data. The Bayside Beach board has been discussing and acting on several of the issues brought to light in the survey results. As one of the younger board members, Adam offered/offers the perspective of a young family member in the association. 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.

## **Bayside Beach Association Officer Candidates**

### **PRESIDENT:**

**Allen Oblak:** Allen has served as Bayside Beach Association's vice president for the past 2-and-a-half years. He is running for president this year and is running unopposed.

### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

**Jay Knight:** Jay has served as Bayside Beach Association's president for 20+ years. This year, he is running for vice president. He is running unopposed.

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

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

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **1. Social Event Calendar:**

∞ **MUSIC ON THE LAKE** at Straits Lake Hills on Friday, Aug 23

∞ **END OF SUMMER PARTY** at Bayside Beach on Saturday, September 21 starting at noon. Rachel Khan, Bayside Beach Association's event planner, has arranged for the following: magician (magic show with singing and dancing followed by the making of balloon animals), bounce house, children's games, a live band, food trucks (or bring your own meal, picnic style) and tons of fun! Check the beach website and look for signs at the beach in the future, closer to the date of the party. Volunteers, please call Rachel at 248.763.2517.

∞ **HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT** at Bayside on Saturday, October 26 at 4PM. This year will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row for this fun event. Decorate your car, put on your costume(s), bring candy to pass out to the trunk-or-treaters, and be prepared to have a good time. Check the beach website for details, closer to the date of this event. Volunteers, please call Rachel Khan, Bayside Beach event planner, at 248.763.2517.

**2. Beach Closing Date - Beach closing is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 starting at 9AM.** If by that date, you have not yet served your required work hours, please plan on joining fellow members in preparing the beach for winter.

### **3. Stay Connected!**

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)

**4. 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 2024 work hours later this year.

**Be sure to report any work hours that you have performed to Diane Lawrence.** To contact Diane, either call her at 249.366.0070 or e-mail her at [dlawren2@yahoo.com](mailto:dlawren2@yahoo.com)

**5. A Special Note of Thanks:** The Bayside Beach Board of Directors would like to acknowledge Jeff Parko for his many years of service as mooring chairperson. He managed the mooring of boats at the beach since 1988 and retired in March of this year.

**6. New Mooring Chairperson:** Bayside Beach has a new mooring chairperson: Matt Kilarski. Matt has been working with the board and beach officers to allow a smooth transition. Matt can be contacted via: [mooring@baysidebeach.com](mailto:mooring@baysidebeach.com)

## **NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT**

Non-motorized watercraft that members have been storing at the beach **MUST BE REMOVED FROM BEACH PROPERTY before or on CLOSING DAY.** Any such watercraft not removed from the beach will be considered abandoned and will be taken from the beach and donated.

**All non-motorized watercraft must be registered with the beach association.** A PDF-formatted registration form is available to download from off the beach website under the FAQ tab (Frequently Asked Questions). The PDF document is at the bottom of the FAQ section and is entitled "Bayside Beach Association Watercraft Registration Form". You may also contact Jo Anne Clark at 248.363.5564 to procure a non-motorized watercraft registration form. In either case, fill out the form and turn it in to Jo Anne. You will receive a Bayside Beach Association registration sticker that must be placed on your non-motorized watercraft. Non-motorized watercraft kept at the beach without registration stickers will be moved. Matt Kilarski, mooring chairperson, will be re-vamping the registration system in the coming year.

## **SPECIAL THANKS** to the following:

Joe Bohez – Music on the Lake food preparation  
Tom Borkus – swim area  
Ed Cann – playground equipment project  
Jo Anne Clark – kayak registration  
Chris Connelly – Music on the Lake coordinator  
Rick Cumbo – fireworks display  
Jenna Groves – playground equipment project  
Joanna and John Hanson – association sign renovation  
Harley Higgins – general maintenance, keys/locks, plumbing  
Liza Jerzy – membership chairperson  
Rachel Kahn – beach party planner  
Matt Kilarski – mooring chairperson  
Liz Knight – Facebook administrator  
Diane Lawrence – work assessment chairperson  
Beth Middleton – Easter egg hunt  
Allen Oblak – dock chairperson  
Tony Pagaduan – website administrator  
Marty Sause – Music on the Lake  
Chuck Safilian – Music on the Lake set-up  
Sherry Solomon – private party chairperson  
And countless other members who made this beach season a great one!

**OF NOTE:** If you haven't noticed the new Bayside Beach Association sign at the corner of Welland Street and Borland Street, make a point to check it out! John and Joanna Hanson designed and built a new sign, respecting the original design, while adding their own special flourishes. It's beautiful!