

Board of Directors

Mike Burwell, Chairman
Joe Bohez
Harley Higgins
Rachel Khan
Adam Shepp
Nick Zajac



Officers

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

ELECTION 2025 NEWSLETTER

Enclosed please find your 2025 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, 2025

Using the enclosed envelope, **return your ballot(s) by the deadline date of Wednesday, September 3, 2025.** The envelopes will be opened and ballots counted at the following Bayside Beach Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. 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.

Jenna Groves – Jenna and her husband Doug made the move to West Bloomfield in 2023 and instantly fell for the charm of Bayside Beach (and maybe the breweries nearby). They dated for four years before getting engaged in 2019 on the top of a mountain in Norway, said "I do" under the trees Up North in 2021, and have been adventuring through life ever since. They love camping, being outdoors, and unapologetically spoiling their two cats (Fizgig and Izzy) and puppy (Tyrus) like they're royalty. You may even get a glimpse of Fizzy and Izzy in their 'Catio' on the side of their home off Playfair Terrace. They are excited to continue to grow their family and put down roots in this amazing community. Jenna works as an in-house graphic designer and part-time photographer who turns coffee into creative magic. Doug is an engineer and amateur astrophotographer who can fix just about anything – except maybe a tangled hose. Jenna spearheaded the effort to evaluate the safety of the beach association's playground equipment and is committed to the gradual replacement of this equipment. (The exorbitant cost to replace the equipment necessitates the lengthy timeframe for completion of this initiative.)

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 Association that same year. For the first few years of his membership, Dean served his work hours at the beach by doing weekly beach clean-ups. For several years, he served as the association's dock chairperson. From 2014 through 2023, Dean served as our association's work assessment chairman, a position requiring a major time commitment and much organization. He worked with beach association members encouraging them to sign up for and to complete their beach work hours. From 2016 through 2023, Dean served as a Bayside Beach Association board member. After a 2-year hiatus, Dean is running again for a board position. His goal is to assist the Board and the association in moving forward with improvements.

Rachel Khan– Rachel has served on the Bayside Beach Board of Directors for the past 2 years, and as our beach association party/event planner for the past 4 years. She was born and raised in West Bloomfield. Rachel married her high school sweetheart, Fahad, and they moved into their present home on Borland. They joined the beach association that same year (2021). Rachel is a stay-at-home mom with a 5-year-old daughter (Anaya) and a 2-year-old son (Ari). The Khan family loves spending time at the beach: digging in the sand, playing in the water, cruising in their pontoon boat, and observing the wildlife. Rachel is always willing to assist with board initiatives and to plan family-oriented events for the 4th of July, end-of-summer, and Trunk or Treat celebrations. She enjoys coordinating events that promote and enhance community spirit.

Nick Zajac – Nick joined the Bayside Beach Association in 1983. Over the years, he has served numerous terms as a board member and has been involved in various projects at the beach including: dock installation, fireworks displays, power-washing the pavilion area, and being available to greet/instruct contractors who come to the beach property to repair/build/deliver whatever the need. He has met with these contractors to procure bids and to oversee proper completion of projects. Most years, Nick helps coordinate beach opening day and beach closing day. In 2020, he worked with the West Bloomfield Township Wetlands board to make sure our beach association met the environmental requirements the Wetlands board had established for the boat ramp project. He performed the same role for the bathroom concrete project. Most recently, Nick arranged for the beach's playground equipment to be properly repaired. Safer equipment parts were installed and will serve their purpose until the beach budget allows for the purchase of new equipment. Nick appreciates the many ways our beach has improved over the years and will work to see this progress continues. He is married to Louise.

Bayside Beach Association Officer Candidates

PRESIDENT: Allen Oblak (incumbent, running unopposed)

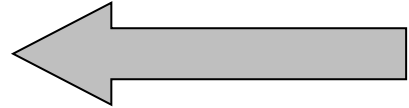
VICE PRESIDENT: Jay Knight (incumbent, running unopposed)

SECRETARY: Cathy Schroeder (incumbent, running unopposed)

TREASURER: Jo Anne Clark (incumbent, running unopposed)

NEW MEMBERSHIP SURVEY:

Please complete the enclosed membership survey and **return it with your election ballot(s)**. Many current beach property improvements were initiated from the 2023 membership survey results, including the future dual-purpose pickleball/basketball court and the plans for new playground equipment once the beach budget allows.



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 Rachel Khan at 248.763.2517 to procure a non-motorized watercraft registration form. In either case, fill out the form and turn it in to Rachel. 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.

Non-motorized watercraft must be locked up on the watercraft storage racks. It was brought to the board's attention that young children (8 – 15 years of age) were helping themselves to the watercraft stored on the racks. Alert adult members notified these children that they were not allowed to use the watercraft. (Such usage of the watercraft is a liability to the beach association. Also, it would help if members who leave their watercraft on the racks would take home their paddles.)

SPECIAL THANKS to the following:

Joe Bohez – Music on the Lake food preparation, gardens
Tom Borkus – swim area
Ed Cann – playground equipment project
Chris Connelly – Music on the Lake coordinator
Rick Cumbo – fireworks display
Jenna Groves – playground equipment project
Harley Higgins – general maintenance, keys/locks, plumbing, fence repair, dual purpose pickleball/basketball court
Rachel Khan – beach party planner, kayak registration
Matt Kilarski – mooring chairperson
Liz Knight – Facebook administrator
Diane Lawrence – work assessment chairperson, gardens
Jeff Laz – dual-purpose pickleball/basketball court
Beth Middleton – Easter egg hunt
Tony Pagaduan – website administrator
Marty Sause – Music on the Lake
Sherry Solomon – private party chairperson
Tamara Spennachio – membership chairperson
Ryan Uhley – dock chairperson

And countless other members who made this beach season a great one!

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Social Events:

✦ **Music on the Lake** – at Straits Lake Hills on Friday, August 22 at 6:30PM

✦ **End-of-summer picnic** – at Bayside Beach on Saturday, September 20, 2025 starting at noon

✦ **Beach closing** – at Bayside Beach on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9AM

✦ **Halloween Trunk or Treat** – at Bayside Beach on Saturday, October 25 at 4PM

2. Beach Closing Date: Beach closing is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 starting at 9AM. If you have not performed your 2025 work hours by September 27, please plan on joining fellow members in preparing the beach for winter.

3. Work Hours: Per Bayside Beach rules, each membership must serve 6 work hours per year. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a financial assessment equal to one year's dues: \$300.00. Later this year, letters will be sent to those members who have not served their 2025 work hours. If you need to serve your work hours and need assistance in signing up for them, or if you have served your work hours and need to report them, contact Diane Lawrence, work assessment chairperson. Call her at 248.231.4991 or email her at dlawren2@yahoo.com