

Board of Directors

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



Officers

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

ELECTION 2026 NEWSLETTER

Enclosed please find your 2026 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, 2026.

Using the enclosed envelope, **return your ballot(s) by the deadline date of Wednesday, September 2, 2026.** The envelopes will be opened, and ballots counted at the following Bayside Beach Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Please contact an officer or board member if you would like to attend the counting of the ballots.

Bayside Beach Association Board Candidates – Page 1 of 2

These are the 7 candidates running for the board. Their bios are in alphabetical order on 2 pages.

Joe Bohez – Joe has lived in West Bloomfield for 35 years, 28 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. This spring/summer, Joe was instrumental in improving the health and appearance of the gardens on our beach property. 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.

Blake Bradsher – Blake is a Downriver native who moved to West Bloomfield in 2020. He graduated from Michigan State University in 2023 with a degree in Business and Packaging. After college he gained broad manufacturing experience across roles from transportation to plant management and today is a small business owner providing non-emergency medical transportation in the tri-county area. Blake and his family joined the beach association in 2021. Most days you'll find him and his four children at beach events or on the lake. He's eager to take a larger role in the association and help preserve and strengthen the legacy of our great beach community.

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 31 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.

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 and in 2026 he served as a board alternate. Dean is often at the beach coordinating various beach projects, like setting up the swim area this past spring and, most recently, researching/implementing the installation of a security camera system for our beach property. His goal continues to be to assist the Board and the association in moving forward with improvements.

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, organizing and implementing the dual sports court construction, 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.

Emmett Moody – Emmett has been involved with Bayside Beach for his entire life as he is the son of David and Cheryl Moody (who had served in numerous positions within the Bayside Beach Association for a combined 25+ years as officers and/or board members). In fact, Emmett served as a Bayside Beach board member in 2023 – 2024. Emmett regularly attends beach association general membership meetings. He enjoys outdoor sports, especially hunting and fishing with his friends and camping with his family. Emmett, his wife Shanae, and daughter Anabelle (11) love spending time at the beach and boating on Upper Straits Lake. Anabelle loves playing with all of her friends at the beach. Emmett has been a Master diesel mechanic for many years. In this career, he has learned critical skills that include: methodical thinking, problem solving, working as a team player, communicating, and (most importantly) listening to everyone involved in a conversation/meeting in order to determine best results. At present, he is a diesel mechanic for fire trucks for a local township. Emmett shared, "I feel I can shine a new light to the beach and keep Bayside Beach moving forward as the neighborhood gathering place we all love."

Please see page 2 for Dave Slicker's bio. There are 7 people running for board positions.

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Dave Slicker - Dave has been a Bayside Beach Association member since 2017, with his wife Lisa. They have three grown kids who live out west who visit often in the summer and are big lake enthusiasts. Prior to being part of the Bayside Beach community, Dave and Lisa lived on Lower Straits Lake for 30 years, where he was the President of their beach association and lake committee. Dave regularly attends Bayside Beach Association's general membership meetings. He realizes how important Bayside Beach is to our neighborhood and he is committed to keeping it beautiful!

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)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Social Event Calendar:

∞ MUSIC ON THE LAKE at Straits Lake Hills - Friday, Aug 21

∞ END OF SUMMER PICNIC at Bayside Beach on Saturday, September 19 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 24 at 4PM. This year will be the 5th 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 26 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

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/BaysideBeach

EMAIL: board@baysidebeach.com OR

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 2026 work hours later this year.

Be sure to report any work hours that you have performed to Diane Lawrence. To contact Diane, either call/text her at 248.231.4991 or e-mail her at dlawren2@yahoo.com

5. No Plastic Confetti at the Beach!

After a recent member party, plastic confetti was found strewn upon the beach sand and pavilion floor. Such confetti is difficult, if not impossible, to clean up or remove from the beach property and it poses a danger to wildlife and the lake environment. **Please refrain from using plastic confetti in the future.**

NEEDED FOR END OF SUMMER '26 and FOR THE FUTURE - SWIM AREA CHAIRPERSON:

The beach association is searching for a member to take on the job of coordinating/implementing the set-up (spring) and disassembly (fall) of the swim area. Contact the board at board@baysidebeach.com if you are interested!

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 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 to procure a non-motorized watercraft registration form. In either case, fill out the form and turn it in to Rachel. Rachel's phone number is 248.763.2517. You will receive a Bayside Beach Association registration sticker that must be placed on your non-motorized watercraft.

SPECIAL THANKS to the following:

Joe Bohez - Music on the Lake food preparation, beach garden improvement (planting, mulching, weeding), board member

Chris Connelly - Music on the Lake coordinator

Rick Cumbo - fireworks display

Dean Hare - researcher on security camera systems,

overall beach property maintenance, board member,

Harley Higgins - dual sports court installation, general maintenance, keys/locks, plumbing

Rachel Khan - beach party planner, kayak registration and board member

Matt Kilarski - mooring chairperson

Liz Knight - Facebook administrator

Diane Lawrence - work assessment chairperson

Jeff Laz - dual sports court installation

Beth Middleton - Easter egg hunt

Allen Oblak - dock installation and association president

Tony Pagaduan - website administrator

Marty Sause - Music on the Lake band stage set-up

Sherry Solomon - private party chairperson

Tamara Spennachio - membership chairperson

Tiffany Valla - opening day duties

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