

# LGPOA Newsletter

A publication for the Lake George & Shingle Lake Property Owners Association

# WINTER 2025

## Tree Lighting Christmas Celebration

The **2nd Annual Tree Lighting** drew over 50 people. Amid a light falling of snow, the tree was lit at 7 pm to surprise and cheers. The tree and the whole corner was decorated beautifully by LGPOA board members and community volunteers. It was a brief celebration, thanks to some pretty nippy temps but, while we were there, we enjoyed music, cider & donuts and wintertime camaraderie.

This year a **cookie-decorating event for kids** was organized in the township hall earlier in the day, jointly hosted by the Booster Club and LGPOA. The kids (and adults) had a good time and enjoyed their batches of fresh-baked cookies. Check out the pics!



## Upcoming 2026 Events

Cabin Fever	14-Feb
Spring Side x Side	23-May
Member Meeting	24-May
Boater Safety Class	June TBD
July 4th/ Street/Boat	4-Jul
Scavenger Hunt	1-Aug
Summer Celebration	15-Aug
Membership Meeting	6-Sep
Tree Lighting	5-Dec

\*Dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please check lgpoa.net regularly.

## Member Benefits

- A voice in keeping our lakes and community healthy
- Website access to up-to-date information ([www.lgpoa.net](http://www.lgpoa.net), password LGPOA50 to access membership area)
- Member-only events
- Annual directory of members

**Renew now and encourage your lake neighbors and friends to join!**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the many events organized by the LGPOA. If you'd like to volunteer, please send your name and phone number to [lakegeorsvps@gmail.com](mailto:lakegeorsvps@gmail.com) and you will be contacted!



## Fall Side x Side

Once again, the **SxS Community Trail Ride** on October 25 was an outstanding success. Over 100 people enjoyed the colorful fall forest as well as the stop overs at various establishments along the 65-mile route. Our thanks for those folks for making sure that we all had a great time when we were off our machines.

Proceeds of this event were used to provide gifts of clothing, food and toys to those in the community needing a little extra help for the holidays. Proceeds will also help fund four scholarships to graduating seniors of Harrison High School in the spring.



## **Cabin Fever Winter Fun: FEB 14**

Mark the date and bring your sweetie on Feb 14th to Cabin Fever on Ice! Enjoy hot dogs and chips around a cozy bonfire with other hearty year-round and seasonal residents on Lake George and Shingle Lake for fun and good conversation. The event takes place at the Lake George boat launch. Watch [lgpoa.net](http://lgpoa.net) for more details. And if you want to volunteer to help on the event, send your name to [lgpoamembership@gmail.com](mailto:lgpoamembership@gmail.com).



**Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026**

**11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Lake George Boat Launch**

**3rd Annual**  
**Cabin Fever**  
**Party**

**Come out and see your neighbors at our  
3rd Annual Cabin Fever Party!!**

**Ice Skating Rink | Vintage Snowmobile Display  
Hot Dogs | Bonfire**





## **New LGPOA Shirts & Merch!**

LGPOA is offering two newly-designed LGPOA logo shirts for each new paid membership in 2026. The shirts are in lieu of the previous incentive of a free second year of membership. The shirts will also be for sale to existing members for \$18 each.

New merch coming out in the spring includes a pontoon flag with full color LGPOA logo. Watch for more news about these member-only flags!

### **Sponsor Spotlight Ringley Hardware**

From the small log cabin hardware store in town built by Gene Sr & Olga Ringley in 1956, to the fully-stocked spacious store (and Laundromat) on Bringold Road that JR and Julie built in 1991, the Ringley family business is known for helping neighbors get their projects done and their problems solved.

While their business has thrived, JR pointed out that given the seasonal nature of residents on Lake George and Shingle Lake, businesses make all their revenue in the 4 months of summer. He estimates that the population drops with the temperature by as much as 90%.

Asked how he has seen Lake George change, JR said that there are so many new faces and cottage renovations, it is hard to know everybody. But it is still a great place to be and when people are there, they are usually happy.

In 2018, JR & Julie sold the business to their nephew Aaron English, who is clearly following their philosophy of providing great products and services at fair prices.

The board and membership of LGPOA thank Ringley Hardware for its long-running sponsorship of our organization, not to mention all the many contributions that JR & Julie make to our community.

Show your thanks by patronizing Ringley's Hardware & Laundromat at every opportunity! See the next page for a list of our 2025 sponsors.

## Thank You LGPOA Sponsors!



### Thank You to our Sponsors!

We are fortunate to have these local companies supporting our organization.  
Please patronize them often!

**Antique Warehouse**

**Jim's Body Shop**

**Bee's Sports**

**Kleen Gene's Laundromat**

**Brad Malley Well Drilling**

**Mad's Outdoor Products**

**Clare County Real Estate**

**Ringley's Hardware**

**Countywide Septic**

**Shoreline Construction**

**The Depot**

**Snow Snake Ski & Golf**

**Harrison Realty**

**The Swiss Inn**

**Harrison Lumber**

**The Tamarack's Golf Course**

### **New Member Directory in the Spring**

Make sure your membership is up to date and send in any mailing address changes to [lgpoamembership@gmail.com](mailto:lgpoamembership@gmail.com) by February 28, 2026 to ensure you receive your 2026-2028 edition of the Lake George Directory.

# Message from the LGPOA President

I have only been in the President's position for 3 months, but I have a whole new perspective on what it takes to make this organization tick. It's a lot of details, a lot of support and care from my board colleagues, and a lot of fun meeting our great members. For over 50 years the LGPOA has been working on behalf of Shingle Lake and Lake George residents. I am in awe of its longevity as well as the many accomplishments over the years. As a life-long seasonal resident of Lake George, I feel the deepest gratitude for the work of all those who came before me. I hope to see you in town or on the lake, at an event or just floating in the bay.



## Meet the Board

At our Fall Meeting, six new board members were seated while the balance of board members continued to serve their elected terms. Each of us looks forward to meeting more of you this year at our events or our monthly meetings. We introduce ourselves below:

## Officers of the Board

### Debra Kuptz, President

I spent most of my childhood travelling up to "the lake" every weekend. My dad built one of the first pontoons on Lake George in the early 60s, it was like a barge but perfect for the extended family. I have tried many times to arrive at an educated guess about the number of times I have circled the lake on a pontoon. Haven't got there yet but I'm happy the number continues to grow.

### Dan Lease, Vice President

Our family purchased our cabin in 2015 and soon realized how special this community truly is. In 2019, we chose to make the move to become full-time residents. Whether it's being out on the lake for a cruise or a day of fishing, participating in community activities, or spending time with friends who feel like family, I truly enjoy everything this area has to offer. Being involved with the LGPOA allows me to give back and help support the strong sense of community that makes this place home.

### Mary Fry, Secretary

I grew up in Livonia and have been coming to Lake George since 1980, spending many summers enjoying the lake with family. I am now preparing to make it a year-round home. I joined the board in 2024 to get more involved and connect with the Lake George community.

### Mary-Lynn Panwas, Treasurer

Mary-Lynn is a kind and dedicated member of the Lake George Property Owners Association Board, serving since 2024. A full-time resident of Shingle Lake, Mary-Lynn has a deep appreciation for the Lake George community and enjoys being actively involved in supporting it. She values time spent with her family and especially loves making memories with her grandchildren. Her caring nature and commitment to community make her a wonderful addition to the LGPOA board.

### Garret Kozden-King, 2nd Vice President

I am originally from New Jersey, but I've been a Michigan resident since 2014 and a Lake George resident since 2023. In the last two years I have started my own DJ business. I enjoy sitting out by the lake, watching sport and playing ping pong. I like being on the LGPOA Board and bringing more fun activities to our community.

### **Holly Brown, Membership and Newsletter**

I live full time on Lake George and am honored to serve as a board member of the Lake George Property Owners Association. I'm in real estate sales and understand the value of strong community connections. I enjoy being involved in efforts that support and strengthen Lake George.

### **Scott Brown, Lake Quality**

Scott serves as the head of Lake Quality for the Lake George Property Owners Association. A full-time Lake George resident, Scott is deeply committed to protecting and improving the health of the lake. He is often found at the shore checking conditions and saying "here fishy fishy." He enjoys woodworking, helping out wherever he's needed, and can be spotted swimming in the lake as early as April and as late as November. Scott's hands-on approach and dedication make him a valued member of the LGPOA board.

### **Ted Christoff, Board Member**

My wife Pam and I are from Jackson; we discovered Lake George about 15 years ago while looking for a seasonal campground. About 8 years ago we purchased our "up north cabin" on Forest and renovated it. We share it with Pam's sister Lori and her husband, Jon Seamans. We all love being on the lake, fishing, pontooning, snowmobiling, (talking and gawking) and being involved in the many LGPOA activities.

### **Kaylee Cotton, Township & Community Liaison**

Kaylee is an active member of the Lake George Property Owners Association and is also involved with the Lake George Boosters. She and her family spend their summers enjoying their place on Shingle Lake, where they've built strong connections within the community. Kaylee has a passion for bringing people together and enjoys helping plan community events that make Lake George a great place to gather, celebrate, and call home.

### **Kent Cousino, Board Member**

### **Jamie Lease, Social Media & Website**

Our family purchased our cabin in 2015 and quickly grew to appreciate everything this community has to offer. In 2019, we made the decision to move full-time with our three kids. We truly enjoy being part of this neighborhood, participating in community activities, and building lasting relationships with friends who feel like family. Staying involved with the LGPOA allows us to give back and help support the community we are proud to call home.

### **Lynn Miller, Board Member & Immediate Past President**

As the immediate past president of Lake George Property Owners Association, I was felt blessed to meet so many people. I enjoyed serving our members and it was truly an honor to lead and work with such great members of our association. The new board members are some really special people together we will elevate LGPOA to a new level.

### **Aaron Smalley, Board Member**

Hi my name is Aaron Smalley. My family and I have been on Lake George since 2009.

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## **Final Notes**

-Curbside Recycling – we are still seeking more residents to sign up for curbside recycling. For an additional \$7/month, you will get a new recycling bin that is picked up at your curb. Let's make it happen this year! Send your name and address to [lgpoamembership@gmail.com](mailto:lgpoamembership@gmail.com).

-Spring Member Meeting is May 24th at 10:00 am in the Township Hall. See you there!

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## Lake George Property Owners Association Membership Application / Update

Membership Renewal     New Membership     Info Change     Remove me from mailing list

**\*\*Remember you can always renew online at our website with a secure online payment option!\*\***

Address Update: Fill out address info only if it is different from address we mailed to.

Member #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Member #1 - Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Member #2 - Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Membership runs from Memorial Day to Memorial Day\*\***

Membership Dues (\$35 x \_\_\_ years):    = \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Fish Fund Donation:    = \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Scholarship Fund Donation:    = \_\_\_\_\_

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