



WINTER 2024

WARBLER'S HIDEAWAY NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Darren Slupka

Hello to all members of Warbler's community. I hope this message finds you all well. It is with gratitude for their service that we announce the resignation of Sherri Frost and Bob Gray from our Board of Directors. Their dedication and efforts during their tenure have been invaluable, and we wish them the best in their future endeavors. We are pleased to welcome Tom Murray and Chad Morgan to the Board, who will be completing the terms left by Sherri and Bob. A warm welcome to both Tom and Chad.

We are also excited to share that Dave Kerekes was brought on board as our caretaker last fall, and he has taken residence in the caretaker's house. Dave has been performing exceptionally, and we have been receiving positive reviews from our members with regard to his proficiency.

We are eagerly anticipating the upcoming spring and summer seasons, during which the social committee has prepared an array of enjoyable events for everyone.

In other news, the Board has decided to dismantle the hay barn due to concerns over its safety and the high cost of necessary repairs. Plans to replace it for storage are underway, though a final decision on the replacement has not yet been made. We are calling for volunteers to assist with the demolition on May 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM. If you are able to lend a hand, please reach out to Darren by calling or texting at (810) 348-6337. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you all and we look forward to a vibrant season ahead. Sincerely, Darren Slupka

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER: Alisa Zumer-Dingel

One of the primary duties of the Treasurer is to budget annually. For 2024, our member dues are forecasted at \$79,645 from 387 primary lots at \$185 each, 359 additional lots at \$25.00 each and 399 grandfathered lots at \$0. This year, my uncollectable portion estimate is \$-925. The association currently holds 6 lots. The board approved our budget which includes furnace replacement and finishing interior updates for the clubhouse. The board is also reviewing bids for seal coating for the asphalt. Any questions, please feel free to reach out.

INFORMATIONAL CORNER:

We are no longer giving refunds for Association Dues, so please make sure you are not in the process of selling your lots prior to payment. Payment for your dues can be made through check, money order, cash, or credit/debit cards through Robin at (734) 552-6806. Please note that there is a 3.5% charge for processing using this method. We have a lock/drop box at our main mailboxes for your convenience or you can mail to Warblers Hideaway, 2704 Lovells Rd., Grayling, MI 49738.

The clubhouse is available to rent to our members for a \$50.00 cleaning fee deposit which is returned if the clubhouse is clean after the event. You can email warblershideaway@gmail.com or call Robin at (734) 552-6806 if you wish to secure a date. Please note that the use of our clubhouse is an amenity for our members and the member must sign a contract at the time of booking.

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has been purchased through the generous donations of our members and we send out a heart-felt thank you to all whom contributed. Renee Worrell will be instructing a class on the use of this life saving device following the April Board Meeting. Please plan to attend if available.

WARBLER’S HIDEAWAY ASSOCIATION PLANNING SURVEY:

A planning survey has been developed by Ken Misiak, one of our Board of Directors. The purpose of this survey is to assist the current and future Board of Directors in planning and budgeting to meet the needs and wants of our membership. We thank Ken and Christine Murray for her input into this project as well. Our hope is that we get some good feedback from this survey to further improve our planning going forward. Please scan the following QR code for ease in filling out the survey.



Or, you can find hard copies of the survey at the mailboxes, one can be emailed or sent to you at your request. The link will be available through Warbler’s website or you can also follow this link <https://forms.gle/rMjAdp84rTeMwVQv8> by typing it into your web browser. Thank you!

CURRENT COMMITTEES:

AIRBNB (Short Term Rental):	Ed Lohr	
ASSOCIATION IMPROVEMENT:	Darren Slupka	(810) 348-6337
CAMPGROUND:	Chuck Sebolt	(231) 218-0167
CONSERVATION:	Andy Joseph	(248) 231-5079
FACEBOOK:	Bill Thoms	(734) 552-6807
FIREWORKS:	Steve Pilchak	(313) 400-4003
NOMINATION:	LeeAnn Newlin	(586) 242-7664
ROADS AND EQUIPMENT:	Darren Slupka	(810) 348-6337
SOCIAL:	Christine Murray	(810) 268-5793

CAMPGROUND COMMITTEE:

Spring is just around the corner, and that means camping season is almost here! We're looking forward to another great year in the campground. There are some projects planned to make necessary improvements to the roads and grounds. Please contact Chuck Sebolt for all reservations and questions pertaining to the campground at (231) 218-0167

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

The recent warm weather was a nice pause from winter and, for many of us, reminiscent of spring turkey hunting, stream fishing, and getting out on the trails. It is a reminder that we will soon have good weather to work on conservation committee projects and volunteer activities.

The conservation committee will be having a meeting at 9 - 10 AM on Saturday, March 2nd, to share ideas on conservation projects and fundraising for the year, and to plan for activities happening this spring. We also welcome any ideas for improvements to the gun range and archery area.

Immediately following the meeting, we will build the park benches in the maintenance barn. I am looking for a few volunteers who are good at using power tools to cut wood and to assemble the pieces. Everything will be ready to start working and Bill Thoms provided us with detailed, easy to follow plans. The goal is to build 8 park benches. Once the weather is nice, we will put some sealer on them and place them throughout Warblers for our members to enjoy.

I am looking forward to meeting with committee members and volunteers soon and seeing what we can accomplish this year.

Andy Joseph – Conservation Committee Chairperson

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

To be a candidate for the Board of Directors, the candidate must be a property owner in Warbler's Hideaway Association and must complete and return a letter of intent by August 1. It is recommended that the candidate attend at least one Board Meeting prior to July 1 of that election year. Nomination forms can be found in the information box on the side of the mailboxes at the main entrance or on the Warblers website www.warblershideaway.com and must be submitted along with a bio, to either LeeAnn Newlin (586) 242-7664 or Robin Thoms (734) 552-6806 by August 1.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Darren Slupka – President	2022-2025
Paul Wayco - Vice President	2021-2024
Alisa Zumer-Dingel – Treasurer	2021-2024
Rachel Sebolt – Recording Secretary	2023-2026
Andy Joseph	2023-2026
Ken Misiak	2023-2026
Elvia Bottini	2024
Tom Murray	2025
Chad Morgan	2025

SOCIAL EVENTS/BOARD MEETINGS AND DATES TO REMEMBER:

MARCH 2, 2024	Conservation Committee Meeting -----	9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
	Work Party to build park benches -----	Immediately following mtg.
APRIL 6, 2024	Paint Party -----	1:00 P.M.
	\$20 a person, instructor lead painting with a twist	
	To ensure there are enough supplies, please RSVP by April 1.	
	Call or text Christine Murray (810) 268-5793	
APRIL 13, 2024	BOARD MEETING -----	10:00 A.M.
APRIL 13, 2024	AED Training -----	Immediately following Board Meeting
APRIL 30, 2024	Association Fees are due	
MAY 25, 2024	Memorial Day Activities	
	Kids Fishing Contest -----	
	Pancake Breakfast -----	
	Cornhole Tournament -----	
MAY 26, 2024	Work Party to tear down HayBarn -----	10:00 A.M.
JUNE 8, 2024	BOARD MEETING -----	10:00 A.M.
JULY 6, 2024	Independence Day Celebration	
	Pancake Breakfast -----	
	Parade -----	
	Kids Games and Prizes -----	
	Pig Roast -----	
	Hayride -----	
	Fireworks -----	
AUGUST 10, 2024	BOARD MEETING -----	10:00 A.M.
AUGUST 31, 2024	Community Bonfire -----	
OCTOBER 5, 2024	ANNUAL BOARD MEETING -----	1:00 P.M.
	Kids Halloween Party -----	
	Hayride -----	
	Trick or treating in campground/Trunk or Treat ---	
	Costume Contest	
NOVEMBER 16, 24	Hunters' Banquet -----	6:00 PM

Times on some events will be posted on our website and our Facebook page at a later date. We are always on the lookout for volunteers, so please email warblershideaway@gmail.com if you wish to help out at any of the events or call or text Christine Murray at (810) 268-5793.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS!