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Boater Safety.

Boater Safety classes are still available at the Lawrence Community Center. Children must be at least 12 yrs old to take the boater's class and 14 yrs for the personal watercraft class. Classes are 8:00-3:00 EDT on, 7/8 and 7/22. Call ahead to register. Lawrence Fire Dept. 269-657-2006 ext 271 and take a box lunch. There's also Cass Sheriff's classes on 7/16 at Indian Lake and 7/23 at Diamond Lake. Call 269-445-8644 to reserve a place.



Magician Lake News

Newsletter of the Magician Lake Improvement Association
 June 2006

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

You have spoken by answering our surveys and clearly the most important issues to you were water safety and water quality. In each issue, we try to pin point those topics and fill you in on what is new in those areas. This issue typically deals with water safety.

It became clear to me over Memorial Day weekend that we are literally one hair's breath away from having a serious accident on our lake. Remember, a little boy died last year on another lake right here in our area. Another nearly lost his legs the year before. I'm sure that those folks were just all having fun and thought that nothing could happen to them...but it did.

Can it possibly be wise to pile 4 or 5 people into a boat and pull three tubes behind with 5 or 6 children? When one of those little ones falls off, their head barely sticks out of the water.

You all know how quickly things happen in an accident. All the numbers to call are in this issue. Keep it by your phone, of course, use 911, if it's a personal injury accident but make sure everyone visiting knows your correct real address, not the "so and so beach" or "___cottages." Post it and your home phone in an obvious place in your home. All boats should have someone aboard that can pinpoint the spot on the lake they are. This is especially important when using cell phones.

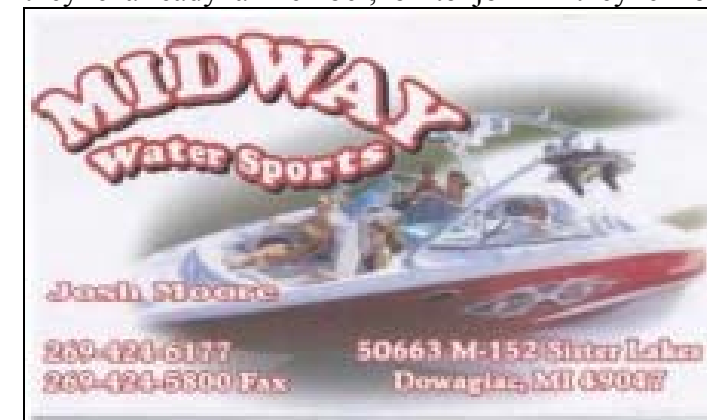
Kay Dukesherer

MLIA Web Site

A reminder that our lake association web site is now available. Go to <http://www.magician-lake.org> to view the home page and navigate from there. That's a dash in between magician and lake, not an underscore. Let us know what you think of our site. We always are looking for ways to improve it for our members.

Dues Time Again!

It's that time of the year when your lake association membership is due. Please take the time to either pay at our annual meeting on Saturday July 8th or send a check for \$20.00 payable to Magician Lake Improvement Association to Dick Morey, 50230 East Lakeshore Drive, Dowagiac, MI, 49047 or use the envelope sent with our last newsletter. Also encourage your friends and neighbors to renew too if they're already a member, or to join if they're not.



Contact numbers for Sheriffs

Marine officer in Cass, Deputy Phil Esarey (269) 445-1225, E-mail: phile@cassco.org Cass County dispatch is 269 445 8644 and Van Buren Sheriff's 269 657 3101 When using a cell phone people contacting 911 have occasionally gotten a busy signal. Hang up and try again or have these dispatch numbers in your cell phone.

Magician Lake Improvement Association Inc. is registered with the state of Michigan as a not for profit corporation. Officers are: Kay Dukesherer President, Craig McCoy Vice President-Keeler, Bill Saunders Vice President-Silver Creek, Bill Boehlein Secretary, Dick Morey Treasurer, Dick Stauffer and Dan Kuruzar trustees.

Magician Lake Improvement Association Membership Application

Name _____ Lake Phone _____
 Check here if this is home.
 Lake Address _____ Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Home Address _____ email _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Make check for \$20.00 payable to Magician Lake Improvement Association and mail it and this application to Dick Morey, 50230 East Lakeshore Drive, Dowagiac, MI, 49047

Magician Lake Improvement Association
 62480 Gilmore Avenue
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 49047-8785



Annual Meeting
9:00 A.M. EDT
Saturday, July 8th 2006
Silver Creek Town Hall
 Coffee and Donuts will be served Please join us in making this YOUR Lake Association



Run for fun and a cause

Steve's Run is a special run (or walk) which is held on the original Road 'n Trail course that starts and finishes in Downtown Dowagiac. This popular course is always a big hit and the event will again be conducted in conjunction with the Dowagiac Summer Fun Fest. This annual event is scheduled for July 29, 2006.

[Dowagiac, Michigan](#) is located in the scenic resort area of southwestern Michigan and is 30 minutes north of South Bend/Mishawaka/Notre Dame and 45 minutes east of the beautiful sunset coast of Lake Michigan.

The venue will include the Dowagiac Street Scape and the beautiful Victorian Restoration of Downtown. The races will run in the memory of Steven Briegel and all funds that are raised, including 100% of the pledge money, will be donated equally (unless otherwise noted) to the Mayo Clinic Cancer Research and/or the Steven Briegel Scholarship Fund which assists outstanding students (3.0 or better). I hope that you can join us.

If you need more information, please feel free to contact Ron Gunn, Director of Extreme Sports, at 269-782-1209 or 269-687-1600, extension 1209 or email at rgunn@swmich.edu



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“A lake carries you into recesses of feeling otherwise impenetrable.”

William Wordsworth



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Safety Rule Reminder!

Travel is counter clockwise on Magician Lake except when returning to pick up a dropped person. Never travel against boat traffic. Stay in the boating lanes well away from shore.

You must keep a minimum of 100 feet away from any swim raft or pier unless you're traveling at no wake speed. Learn what 100 feet is and stay away. You never know when kids may be swimming around that raft or pier. This is for all watercraft including personnel watercraft. This also applies to people on skis or wake boards too. Don't see how close you can swing by a raft.

Please do your part to keep our lake safe. And remember, you can turn in violators too. Just call the Cass Marine patrol with the information

Keeping the weeds away

Eau Claire fruit Exchange is one place that carries no phosphate fertilizers for your lawn. Phosphates promote weed growth. Help keep our lake weed free. Keep the phosphates out of your fertilizers.

News from Other Lakes

Dewey Lake's dues are currently \$100. per year. They operate both a weed cutter and are looking into chemical treatment at an additional cost to owners. They also voted to pay for an engineering study to see if a well to pump the lake back up is feasible. Another very expensive project that we don't want.

“I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore... I hear it in the deep heart's core.” *W. B. Yeats, The Lake Isle of Innisfree*

Support your Summer Community

As I've said so many times, one of my personal reasons for getting the lake association up and active again is to try to make out of state owners aware that when you come up to enjoy your lake home you are moving into a viable community that is already in place. The merchants are here to serve you, support them, and especially our advertisers. Attend a community event or fund raiser, they need you too. It's always a pleasure to see some of you at events like Dogwood Festival, Beckwith, concerts in the parks or symphony. Visit one of our nice museums. Buy tickets to a dinner or breakfast. Go, meet some new people, why not! Kay

1000+. antique tractors are expected at the Berrien Springs Fair Grounds on June 29, 30 and July 1. Tickets available at the gate

It's the law!

Children under 15 yrs may legally operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 hp without restrictions. To operate a boat of over 6 hp they must be at least 12 yrs and pass boater's safety. No one less than 12 yrs may legally operate a personal watercraft. 12 to 14 yrs may be a PWC operator if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and craft is equipped with a lanyard type ignition attached to the adult. 14 to 26 yrs may operate PWC alone only if certified through boater safety. One must carry the certificate with them.

Children less than 6 years of age must wear a Type I or Type II PFD when riding in the open deck area of a boat. THIS INCLUDES THE SMALLEST OF INFANTS and THEY ARE AVAILABLE!!! Each person 12 years of age or older operating, riding on or being towed behind a personal watercraft (jet ski) must wear a Type I, Type II or Type III PFD (that is not an inflatable device). Each person less than 12 years of age riding or being towed, behind a personal watercraft (jet ski) must wear a Type I or Type II PFD.

Schedule for fireworks displays

Sister Lakes Fire Department will host the annual fireworks display on Saturday July 1st. The parade starts at 5:00 and the fireworks at dusk, both at Lion's park For this and other fund raisers, they really rely on us around the lakes for support. Please Donate.

SOUTHWEST SYMPHONY (982 4030) and St Joe's Fireworks are July 3rd. Entertainment begins at 6:00 pm, orchestra at 8:30, fireworks at dusk. \$15/\$8. Great night, great music! Their next outdoor concert "Jazz on the Beach" is July/ 21st.

Dowagiac Fireworks- July 4th

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Venetian Festival

Venetian Festival in St. Joe is July 13th-16th. Check it out at <http://www.venetian.org/> for all the activities and entertainment.



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“...the weeds will win; nature bats last.”

~Robert M. Pyle