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Willa Cather

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Are any of your friends or neighbors not members? Please ask them to join us. It will help spread the support costs and hopefully let us accomplish more. Membership fee is due July 31st and covers your membership from August 1st through July 31st of the following year.

Magician Lake Improvement Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

Name _____ Lake Phone _____
 Lake _____ Check here if this is home.
 Address _____ Dowagiac, MI 49047
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 Address _____
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 Home Phone _____ Current member change of address please check here
Make check for \$25.00 payable to Magician Lake Improvement Association and mail it and this application to Dick Morey, 50230 East Lakeshore Drive, Dowagiac, MI, 49047



Magician Lake News Newsletter of the Magician Lake Improvement Association May 2010

From the Desk of the President

Dear Magician Lake Riparians – “Ice out” day came on March 8. Ever since that day we have been heading towards spring and summer. With thoughts of boating, swimming, tubing, fishing, skiing, etc. should also come thoughts of making sure we take care of our lake and are familiar with safety issues that accompany water recreation.

Once again fertilize your lawns responsibly, (or not at all), mulch your lawn when mowing, “plant scape or “lake scape” your shoreline in order to provide habitat for lake critters, and to prevent yard water run-off or wave action from eroding your shore. Every year we preach these simple solutions, but I am always amazed then friends and neighbors seem to think these are “new” ideas. Tell your neighbors and friends to join the Magician Lake Improvement Association, as we are here to keep you informed and knowledgeable about water, lake, and property issues.

After the quiet of winter, it is always noted when we see the first boat on the lake, usually within a day or two of the ice going out. Then the numbers of boats start to build with each weekend as fishing contests begin, marina workers begin delivering boats, and piers are put in the water once again. The lake “shrinks” with more “things” that take up and use the water until the height of the summer during the 4th of July celebrations. Please do be aware of boating rules, safety issues, and just plain common sense when using the lake. We know accidents happen, but we lessen our chances when everyone is a responsible user of Magician Lake.

Let me also make a plea for more involvement from members to serve on the board of the MLIA. We are always looking for volunteers to help serve on our board and welcome your input and suggestions. Please consider this an invitation to call or e-mail us with your name and willingness to serve on our board. Terms are for three years and usually we have no more than 6 meetings per year. People who are not full-time residents are also needed and welcomed! We now have had conference calls as part of our

meetings if you are “out of town”. E-mail is a wonderful means of communication. I am sure with future technology we can utilize other means of accommodating communication issues, so let us hear from you!

Here’s to a pleasant and safe year on Magician Lake!

Sincerely,
Charlotte Poole, President
MLIA

Plan To Treat Eurasian Milfoil

The Board announced in January that we have a serious problem with Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in Magician Lake. It is likely to spread quickly and must be brought under control without delay. We have hired one of the best water management companies in our region of the US, Lakeshore Environmental, Inc of Grand Haven to provide their expert advice on identifying the problem and working on next steps and we now have a plan in place to fix the problem. See the enclosed letter that explains the issues and also a Question and Answer paper that addresses the questions all of this raises."

Spring Clean Up Calendar

Silver Creek Township – Spring Clean Up Dates – May 27,28,29 Dumpster at Silver Creek Township Hall
Cass Co. Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Day – May 15 – 9-12 noon Cass Co. Fairgrounds, Cassopolis
Van Buren Co. – currently Keeler Twp. does not participate in any e-recycling or hazardous waste collection.

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PWC Users Age Raised to 16

The Michigan Legislature passed legislation on June 26 that will required personal watercraft (PWC) operators in the state to be at least 16 years of age to operate a personal watercraft unsupervised. Michigan's current personal watercraft age required is only 14. A minimum operating age of 16 is advocated by PCW manufacturers and the Personal Watercraft Industry Association (PWIA). If signed into law by Governor Granholm (D-Mich.), this legislation would establish 16 as the minimum unsupervised age for personal watercraft operation as of October 1, 2011. Beginning on that date, a person younger than 16 would not be allowed to operate a PWC unless he or she were at least 14 years old and either: 1) the person was riding with a parent or legal guardian, or an individual who was at least 21 years old designated by the parent or guardian; or 2) the person was operating or riding a personal watercraft within 100 feet of the parent, legal guardian, or designated individual. In addition, the legislation prohibits the operation of personal watercraft beginning at sunset, rather than one hour before sunset. Currently, boaters under the age of 14 may not operate a personal watercraft on Michigan's waters.

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Update on Crooked Lakes Augmentation

Hearings were held in March and April with Judge Patterson in Lansing, MI concerning pumping of ground water to augment the lake level of the two Crooked lakes. Mr. Ron Mathia, hydrologist and resident of Magician Lake, testified for the opposition as to the validity of such a project and the affect it would have on Magician Lake. We thank you Ron for your scientific knowledge and concern for our lake.

Mr. Ben Zimont from the MDEQ reiterated his original objection for proceeding with the augmentation project

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What's in Your Lake?

Here's a list of junk that washed up most often on our lakeshore and riverbanks, and how long they'll stay in the water before completely decomposing.

Paper Towel	1 month
Apple core	2 months
Biodegradable diaper	1 year
Plywood	3 years
Cigarette butt	5 years
Tin Can	50 years
Styrofoam cup	60 years
Plastic water bottle	450 years
Monofilament fishing line	600 years
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and reasons why it was denied in December 2007, but then reversed later on. Lastly, another opposition expert testified against the aquifer performance tests done by Tritium. There is now evidence that the Water Flow Model would affect other lakes in the area including Magician Lake.

It is now up to the original petitioners to dispute and discredit this flow model and the evidence against proceeding with such a project. They have about a month to try and accomplish this task. Hearings are scheduled to resume May 11 and 12 on this issue with an update appearing in our next newsletter.

Cass County Prosecutor's Marine Violations and Costs:

As reported by Big Fish Lake Association

- Operating without, or failing to display Safety Certificate. If born after 12-31-78, you must have a Boaters Safety Certificate to operate a Personal Watercraft – (Jet Ski) - \$90
- Operating without boat registration, or registration out of date - \$85
- Allowing anyone under 12 years of age to operate a boat of more than 6 HP by themselves - \$115
- No lifejacket on a child less than 6 years of age - \$85
- Failure to yield - \$115
- Excessive speed or reckless operation - \$115
- Exceeding no wake speed within 100' of shore, near a raft, near another boat - \$115
- Operation other than counter-clockwise 115
- Towing without an observer - \$115
- Excessive noise - \$85
- Operating without a floatation device - \$65
- No fire extinguisher - \$85
- Lifejackets (any watercraft) – short (1) \$65, (2) \$80, (3) \$90, (4) \$100, (\$10 for each additional shortage)
- No lights on boat after dusk - \$85
- **Personal Watercraft (PWC)**
- Failure to use cutoff switch - \$85
- Operating PWC before 8 a.m. or after sunset - \$115
- Careless operation – failure to operate in a reasonable and prudent manner - \$160
- Operating PWC with more passengers than designed to hold - \$135W
- Wrong ID on PWC - \$115

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Free Fishing Weekends

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Two days twice a year, families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premiere outdoor activities, Michigan Fishing, for FREE!

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