

**Membership Application**

Please use this for any friends or neighbors who want to join us. Send this with a check for \$20.00 made out to the Magician Lake Improvement Association to Dick Morey, 5030 East Lakeshore Drive, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lake Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Public Accesses in Silver Creek**

The Cass County Road Commission grants dock permits for lake access at various places around our lake: following is a list of contacts to report any problems with those docks or accesses. Phone 269 445 8611, and ask to speak to a commissioner.

The Cass County Road Commission Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs at 9:00 AM  
 Members are as follows:  
 Chief Engineer-Joseph Belliva  
 Chairman-Robert Powers  
 Vice-Chairman-Clifford Poehlman  
 Member- Roger Bowser  
 Meetings are open to public.



**Magician Lake News**  
 Newsletter of the Magician Lake Improvement Association  
 January 2006

**From The Desk Of The President**

Around this time every year we start on a campaign for new members. Please, if you know anyone new in your neighborhood that is new to the lake, speak to them on our behalf. An application for membership is included this issue, please keep it for further use. Many of you moved and forget to notify us of address change. Some of you may have seen me walking around last summer trying to track some of those owners down and although I got some great feed back, I can't keep doing that. Thirdly PLEASE pay your dues on time; we have to pay our bills. The most serious issues raised in our region this past fall; were the drought, we had one of the driest seasons on record, and water safety; 2 people were killed last summer in the tri-county area. We will cover these issues in this newsletter. Lastly, as Mr. McCoy said "we're preaching to the choir". No doubt, we are. If you're reading this you probably aren't knowingly breaking any boating rules, and we currently are not in need of weed control or water replacement...but if we ever are, a solid lake association has tremendous clout with the governmental bodies that have the power to regulate issues such as these. The rest of the directors and I have held strongly to the statement that we are an organization whose purpose "is for information and education" only and will not take sides on any disputes. But if someone gets maimed or killed on our lake and the members demand it, the lake association will have to support them and go to the townships and ask for regulation. Can't we just keep it safe so this never happens?

**Directors Wanted**

The board of Directors has voted to attempt to amend the by-laws to allow up to 9 directors. The following is proposed:


**Notice of intent to amend by-laws in accordance with article XVI of existing by-laws**  
**Article IV**  
*Which reads*  
**SECTION 2. Number, Tenure and Qualifications.**  
*The number of directors shall be at least 4 and no more than 7 directors, elected for three year terms, so elected at an annual meeting by the members to serve to the annual meeting 3 years hence.*  
*Change to read*  
**SECTION 2. Number, Tenure and Qualifications.**  
*The number of directors shall be at least 5 and no more than 9 directors, elected for 3 year terms, so elected at an annual meeting by the members to serve to the annual meeting 3 years hence.*

We would like the directors to reflect the diversity of the lake owner population. We currently have representatives from Gilmore Beach, East Lakeshore, South Lakeshore and Oakland's, in addition to our 2 township representatives. We would like to have some one from possibly Curran, West Lakeshore, perhaps Polk, Maple or Hemlock Island or Happy Landings, step up to serve.

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 Boehnlein Secretary, Dick Morey Treasurer, Dick Stauffer and Dan Kuruzar trustees.

**"A lake carries you into recesses of feeling otherwise impenetrable."**  
*William Wordsworth*

Magician Lake Improvement Association  
 62480 Gilmore Avenue  
 Dowagiac, MI 49047-8785



## Keeler Township

Meets First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM Keeler Township Hall, 64121 Territorial Rd. W., Hartford, MI 49057.

Supervisor	Bill Kays	269-621-3604
Clerk	Carl Davis	269-621-4223
Treasurer	Robert Millhouse	269-621-4551
Trustee	Pat Daly	269-944-1754
Trustee	Don Blackmond	269-424-3673
Bldg. Insp.	Don Herter	269-782-7827
Elec. Insp.	Dave Pabis	269-521-7580
Assessor	Bill Kays	269-621-3604

## Silver Creek Township

Township Board meets second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Township Hall 32764 Dixon St, Dowagiac MI 49047. Phone 269-424-3025.

Supervisor	Bill Saunders	269-424-5653
Clerk	Walter Lehmann	269-424-3512
Treasurer	Maureen Sullivan-Kuriata	269-782-8472
Trustee	Joel Moore	269-782-3636
Trustee	Douglas Swisher	269-782-6366
Bldg Inspector	James Moses	269-424-3025
Elec. Inspector	Calvin Davis	269-782-8722
Assessor	Bill Kays	269-621-3604

### Attention - Police Report

Local police have reported 2 aluminum piers have been stolen from owner's yards this winter. It is assumed they are being sold for scrap. If you have an aluminum pier you might want to chain it down. We all know how expensive those piers are.



Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan  
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### Association Web Site

We hope to have our own web site up by this summer. We don't have a domain name yet so we can't tell you where to look but it's definitely in the works. We were looking to get maybe magicianlake.com or magicianlake.org but those are taken for now. We'll likely use Michigan Lakes and Streams Association as our host so there'll be a link off their site at <http://www.mlswa.org/> But before our annual meeting we should be up and running.

### Water, water everywhere

A major attraction to the Great Lakes area is the abundant water supply. Most Chicago residents use water from Lake Michigan. Here we use ground water to supply household water needs. As development increases, activities that could threaten the quality of ground water also increase. We have stressed the importance of protecting the surface water but have not touched on the importance of protecting our ground water. Removing large quantities of ground water from storage alters the paths of water flow and may reduce discharges to streams and wet lands. <http://water.usgs.gov/>

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www.SeeYouAtTheLake.com  
**(269) 424-5276**

### Conference 2006

What do you know about Michigan Lake & Stream Association? MLSA educates and trains us to better manage our lake. This year's conference will be held April 28, 29 and 30, 2006 at the Holiday Inn, Big Rapids, MI. Look for details and registration in the February Riparian. See you there.

### What's a CAFO? And why should I care?

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, (CAFO) are becoming larger and larger in our area. The runoff is to be contained in clay lined holding ponds but the concern about air and water pollution is a hot topic with the lake owners that share these water sheds. Land owners nearby say they create odors that make it impossible to enjoy being outside. Lake owners should drive by the one north of Keeler and let your township officials know how you feel about having one near Sister Lakes.

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**269-782-5134 MI only 800-725-5900**  
**MI-F 7:30-5:30 Sat. 8:00 - 1:00**

### Boating regulations you may not be aware of.

After 60 days, the boat must be registered in Michigan. You may not use a water craft sticker from another state, even your home state, on our lake after your craft has been in residence 60 days.

If you ride a personal water craft and you are under 25, you must have taken the water certification class in Michigan regardless of where your home is. Everyone 14 to 25 must carry that certificate when operating a craft. U-Boat certificates are not useable in Michigan.

A personal water craft must have 3 seats to be legal to tow a child. One seat for the driver, one for the spotter and one for the passenger in the event he/she needs to be picked up.

The sheriff's department receives no revenue from citations.



2344 Yankee Street, Niles, MI 49120  
1-800-793-1867

### Silver Creek Township News

Big and Little Crooked as well as Indian have applied to set up assessment districts for weed control. If approved, the assessment, in both cases, will be added on to their property tax bill. Indian Lake has been running a weed cutter, manned by volunteers, for many years but the result has not been what they hoped for. February 18 there will be a hearing in the Silver Creek Town Hall concerning both of these requests.

As dry as this past year has been there has been no formal request to drill a well and raise a lake level in Silver Creek. In Keeler, Keeler Lake did create an assessment district and has pumped into their lake.

### Dowagiac River Project

"Meanders" is a group that is trying to restore the Dowagiac River to its former grandeur as a trout stream perfect for fly fishing. In the 1920's, the entire river was changed from its natural form into a straight ditch with high banks made from the dredged soil. The original stair step, riffle-pool sequence was destroyed. Meanders meets at the Sportsman Club in Dowagiac. They welcome your questions and have a web site at [http://www.meandrs.org/more\\_meandrs.html](http://www.meandrs.org/more_meandrs.html). More information about this project can also be found at <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil> then projects and studies, project information sheet, continuing authorities programs and page down to the meanders project.