

MANITOU MESSENGER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8th , 11am - Q&A Session with LMA Board followed by Meet & Greet for new residents at Noon, Moose Lodge

May 15th, 9am - Boater Safety Course, Moose Lodge

JUNE 12th - Moose Opening of the Lake Parade

June 19th, 9am - Annual Meeting, Moose Lodge

July 3rd - Jake Dodd Band at the Moose Lodge

July 24th, 2pm - Poker Run

August 28th, 11am - Q&A Session with LMA Board / Meet & Greet for new residents, Moose Lodge

JOIN US FOR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

**3rd THURSDAY EACH MONTH
6:30 PM
AT ROCHESTER ELKS**

Lake Season Has Begun!

The buoys are in, marking the beginning of another great season on the lake! 2020 slowed down society a bit, but hopefully it allowed for extra time to safely enjoy family and friends on the lake! Lake Manitou continues to be the jewel of Fulton County and we are all privileged to enjoy it. No matter what your recreation of choice...whether it be fishing, pontoon cruising, speed boating, jet skiing, water skiing, or snowmobiling, the Lake Manitou Association supports every property owner by listening and responding with an ongoing goal to improve life on the lake.

We want to represent all Lake Manitou property owners and need your involvement to ensure that we can understand what is important to you. Please consider being a supporting member and tell your neighbors about what we do for our beautiful community!

If you are new to our community, please let us know by emailing our administrator, Jennifer, with your contact information so we can be sure you are included in mailings and information on events. Jennifer can be reached at info@lakemanitou.org.

Visit our website at lakemanitou.org and click the "Become a Member" button to get your membership dues in today!



AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL

Aquatic plant life is vital to the healthy ecology of our lake. Being able to access your property from the water is important as well. We conduct plant surveys each year to ensure the healthy plant life is growing to filter the water and provide cover for wildlife. These studies serve as evidence to the state that we can treat excessive plant life to ensure access to personal property in those areas with excessive plant growth. We also sponsor individual sign-up programs for all channel residences for private treatments under our permitting. In addition, we offer treatment packs for residences that prefer to treat up to 625 sq ft without permitting. The great news is that in 2021, we received permitting for each area we applied for. Our contractor has already been active in monitoring and treatment of evasive plants. (See Map Below)

PRAIRIE

Last year, we applied for and received temporary permission from the State to open up the area off of Wolf Point that was a major safety hazard to boat traffic. Our annual plant monitoring provided data to support this move. Just recently, we were notified that we have been granted permanent approval to keep the Prairie reduced. We have already met with a contractor to potentially introduce the bull reeds that once dominated this area. It is a lofty goal but one that serves the original intent of the prairie prior to our hydrilla eradication.

FISHERY

In speaking with fishermen who know Manitou, the fishery appears to be making a positive turn! To ensure we are on the right track, we had Herman brothers conduct an independent electro fishing study that will hopefully assist us in working with the state to make sure we have a healthy fishery. The DNR will be conducting an additional electro fishing survey this month, allowing us to compare the results from last year's survey.



Aquatic Plant Treatment Map

Areas marked in yellow & red will be treated this year, with Area 1 having been treated earlier this month.

Larger maps available on our website at: lakemanitou.org/projects

DREDGING PROGRAM

We started a dredging program in 2018 designed to open access to properties adjacent to natural shallow areas to allow navigation into those areas. Each year we have removed and trucked excessive material in targeted areas to achieve our navigation goals. In 2020, we dredged 4 areas including the area in the south end of the lake marked for rocks. In 2021, we have two more areas to complete under our current permitting. There will be two additional private dredging sites completed under our permitting in 2021 as well. This year's dredging projects will begin in July and take about 8 weeks to complete. If you are interested in future dredging, we can assist you, based on our criteria, with permitting and getting quotes. (See map below.)

SEDIMENT COLLECTION

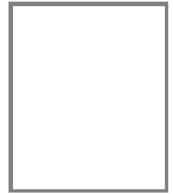
We continue to research affordable measurable ways to trap and remove sediment entering our lake. The Graham ditch collection system is scheduled to be dredged and cleaned in 2022. In addition we are trying to gain support from the state to install turbidity curtains that we have invested in that are designed to slow down and trap sediment in targeted areas in an effort to make an annual clean out possible and reduce material flushed into our lake in large rain events. We also performed a Rain Creek study to gather data to support sediment reduction ideas. Rain Creek is our largest tributary. Between this study and the SWCD study, we have obtained supporting data that points to dredging Mill Pond. The path forward is unclear but we are pushing ahead given this new data.

2020/2021 Dredging Map

Areas 1-4 were completed in 2020.



MAY 2021



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